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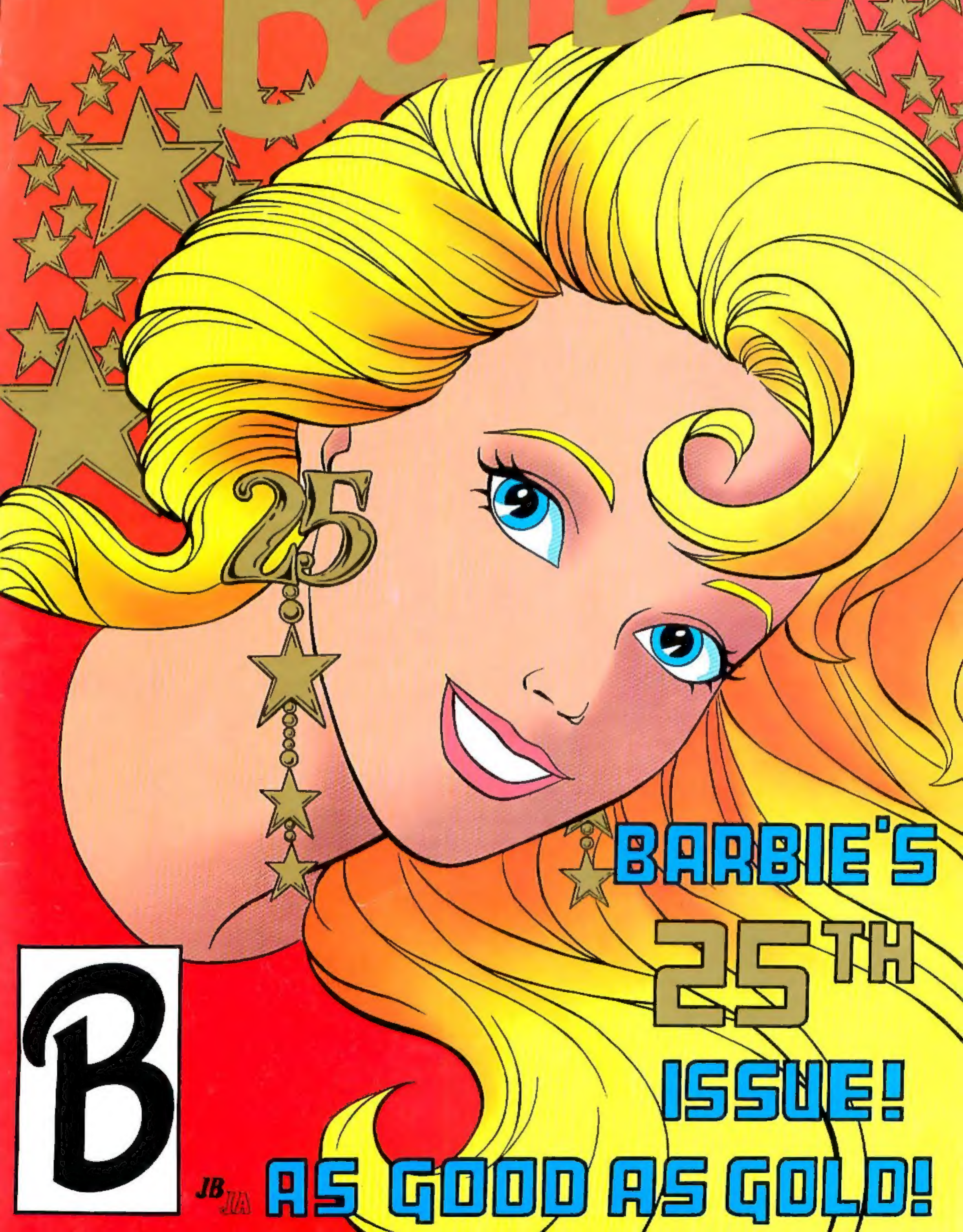
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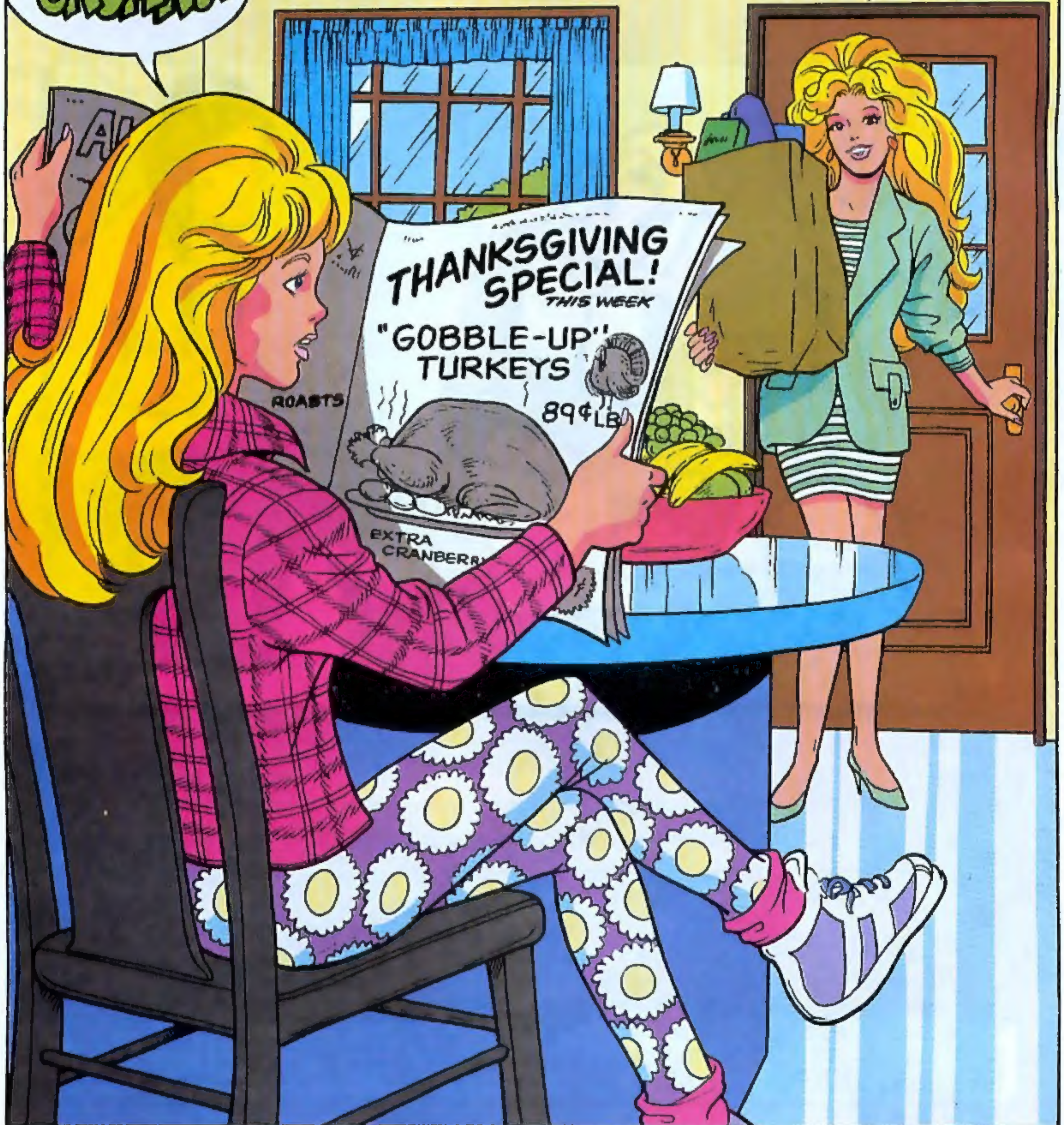
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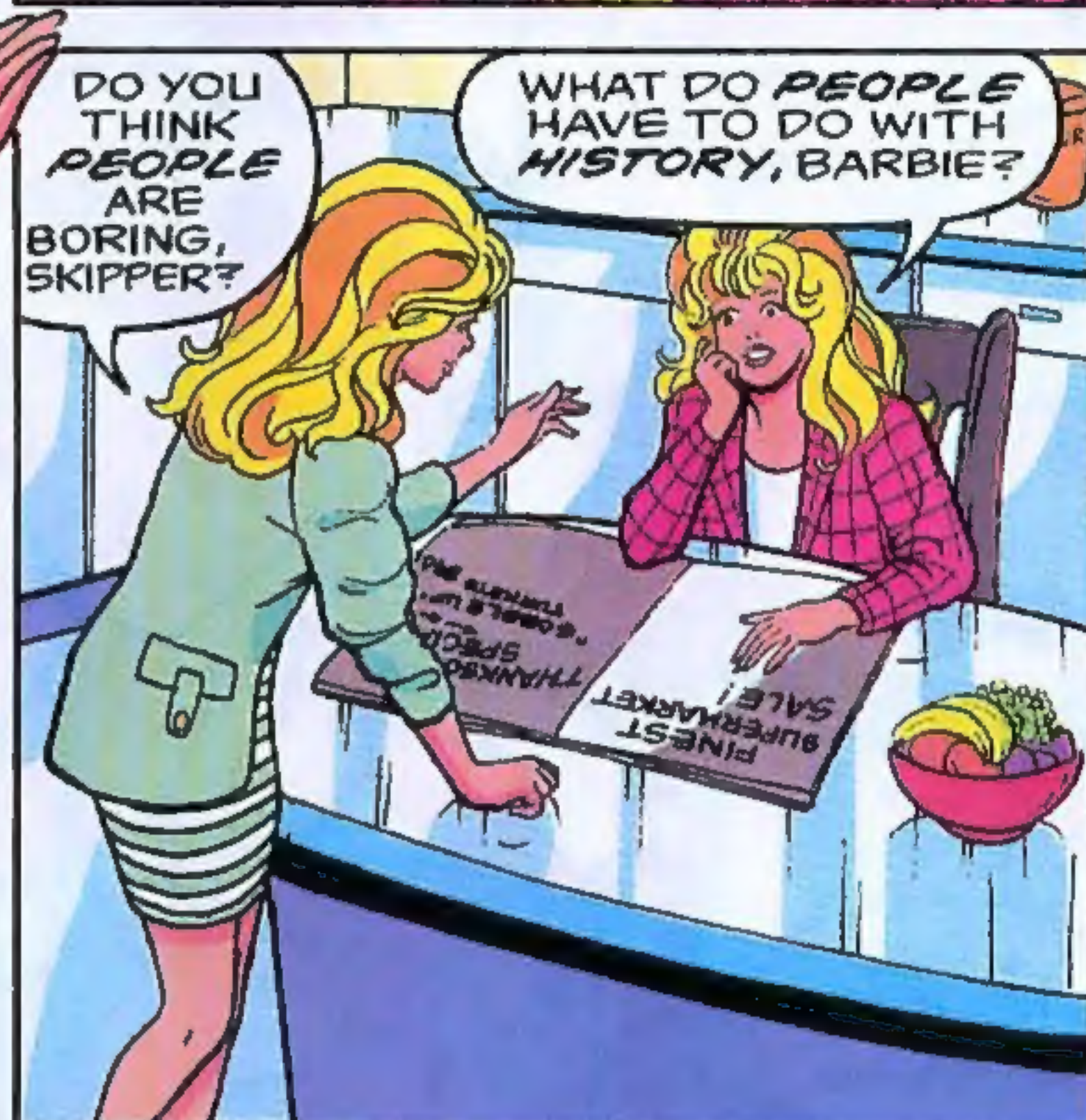
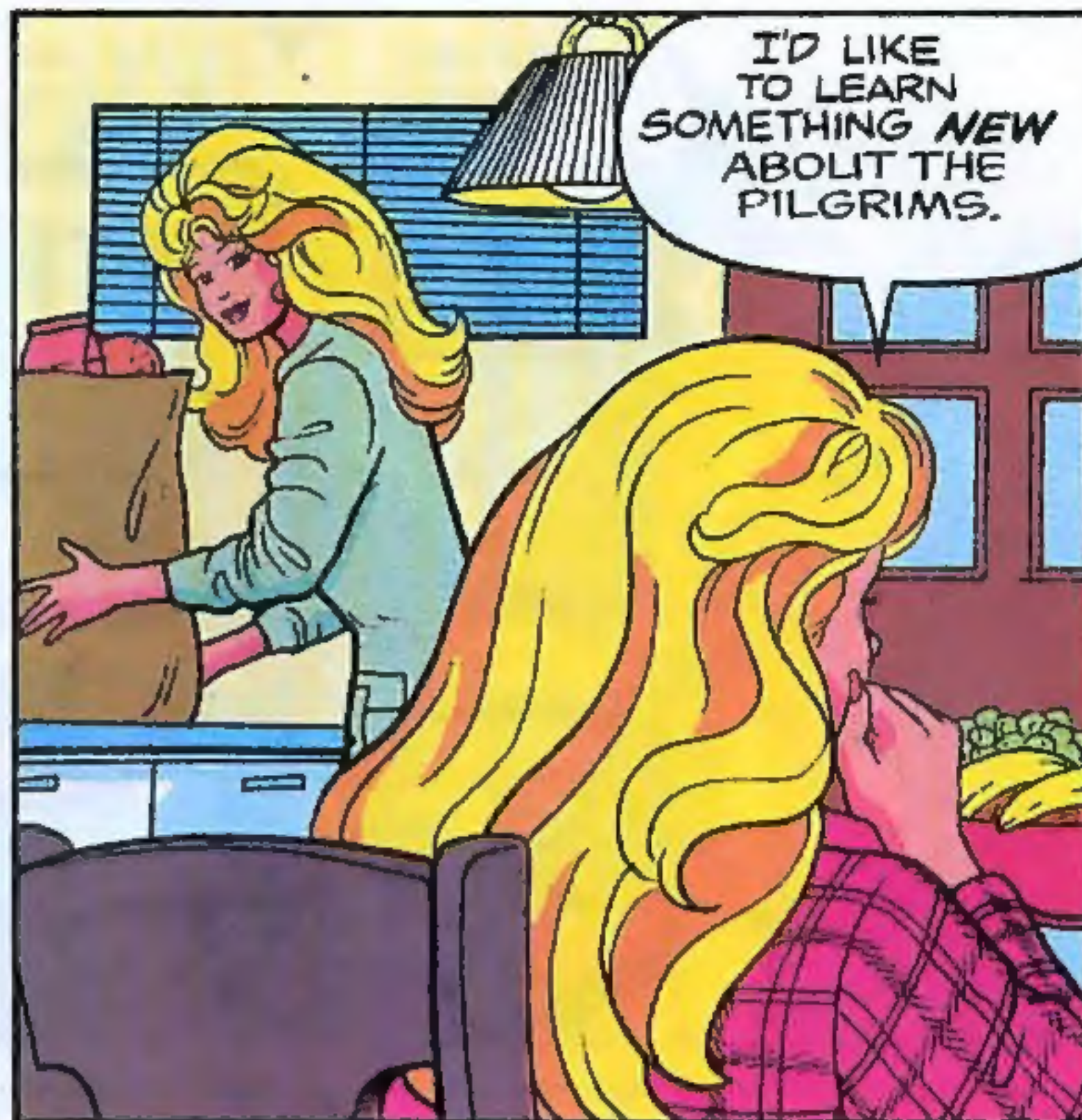
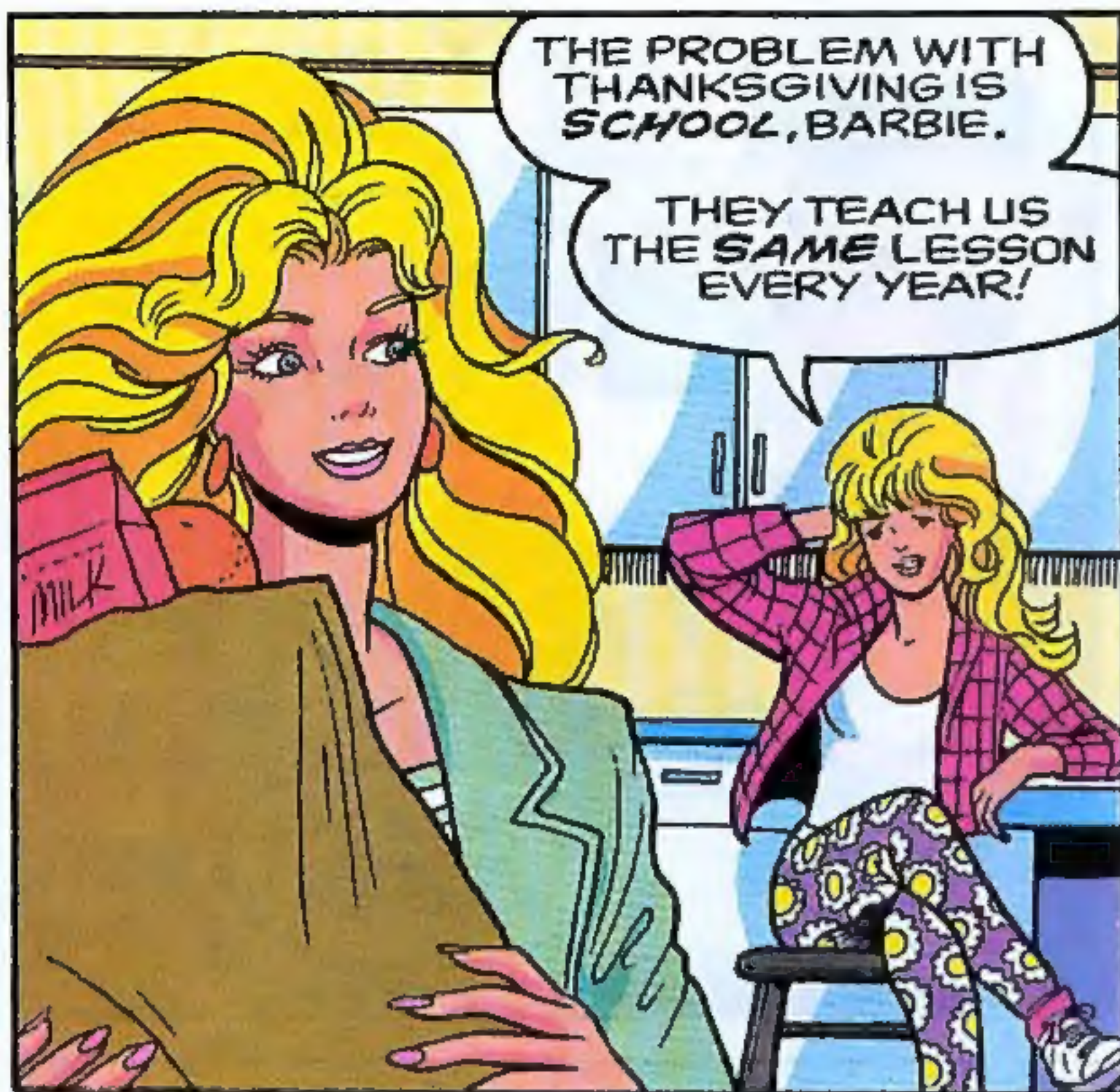
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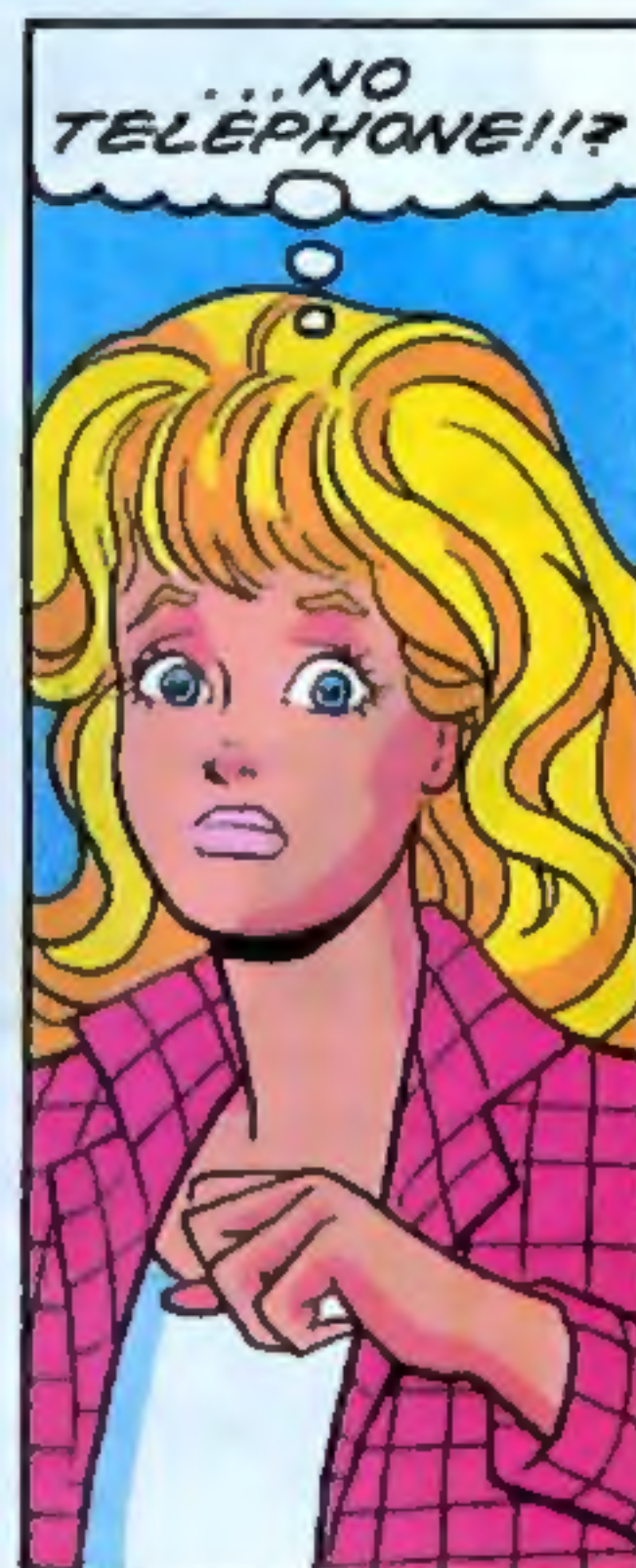
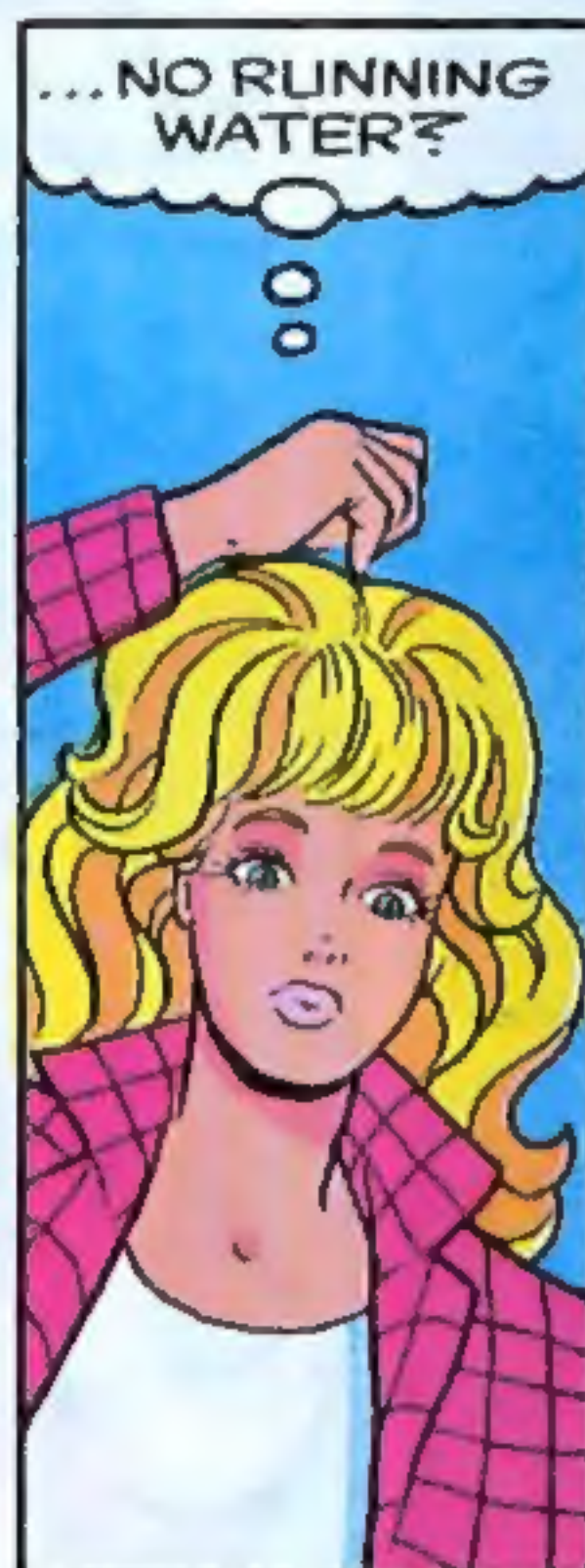
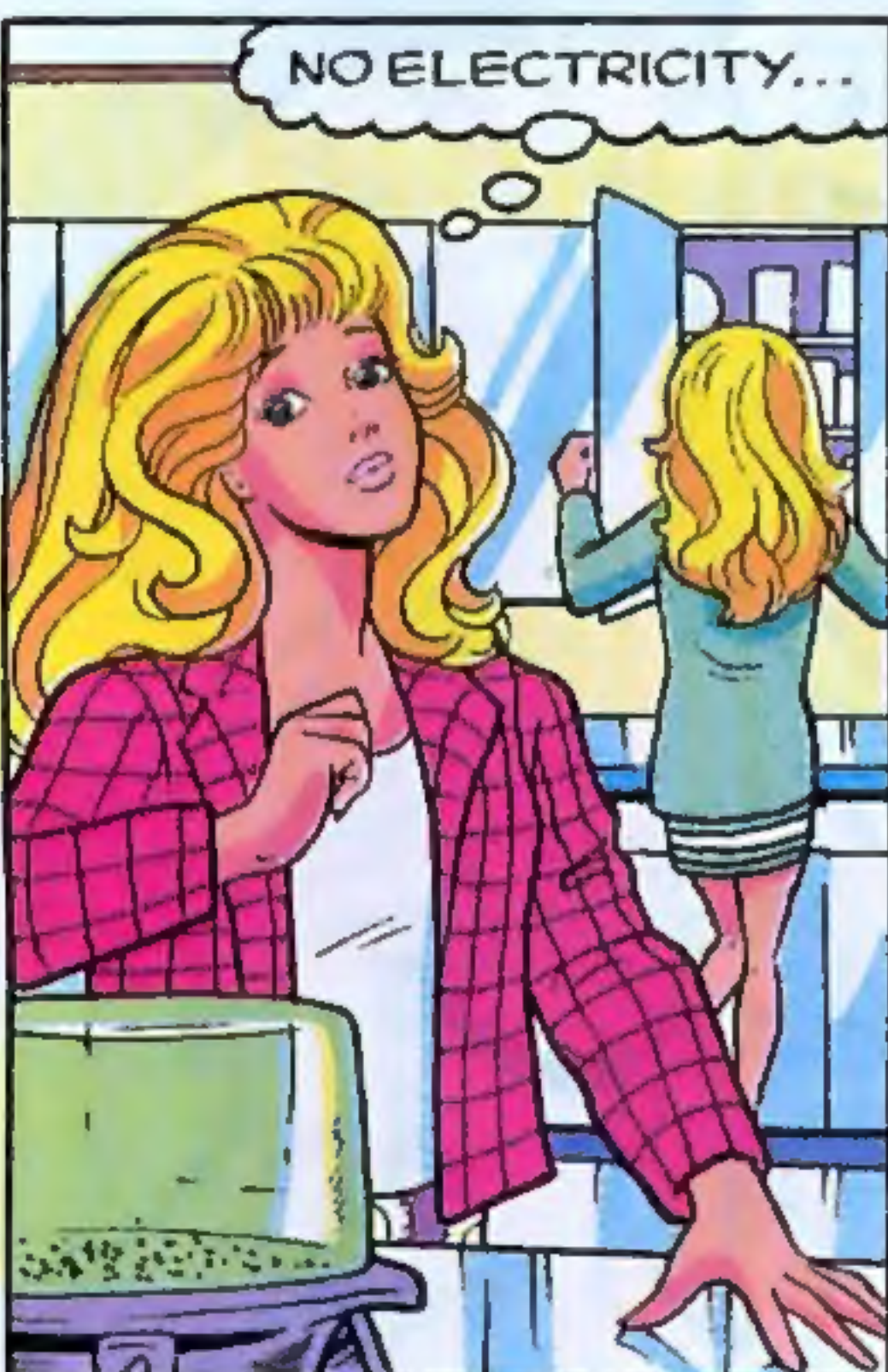
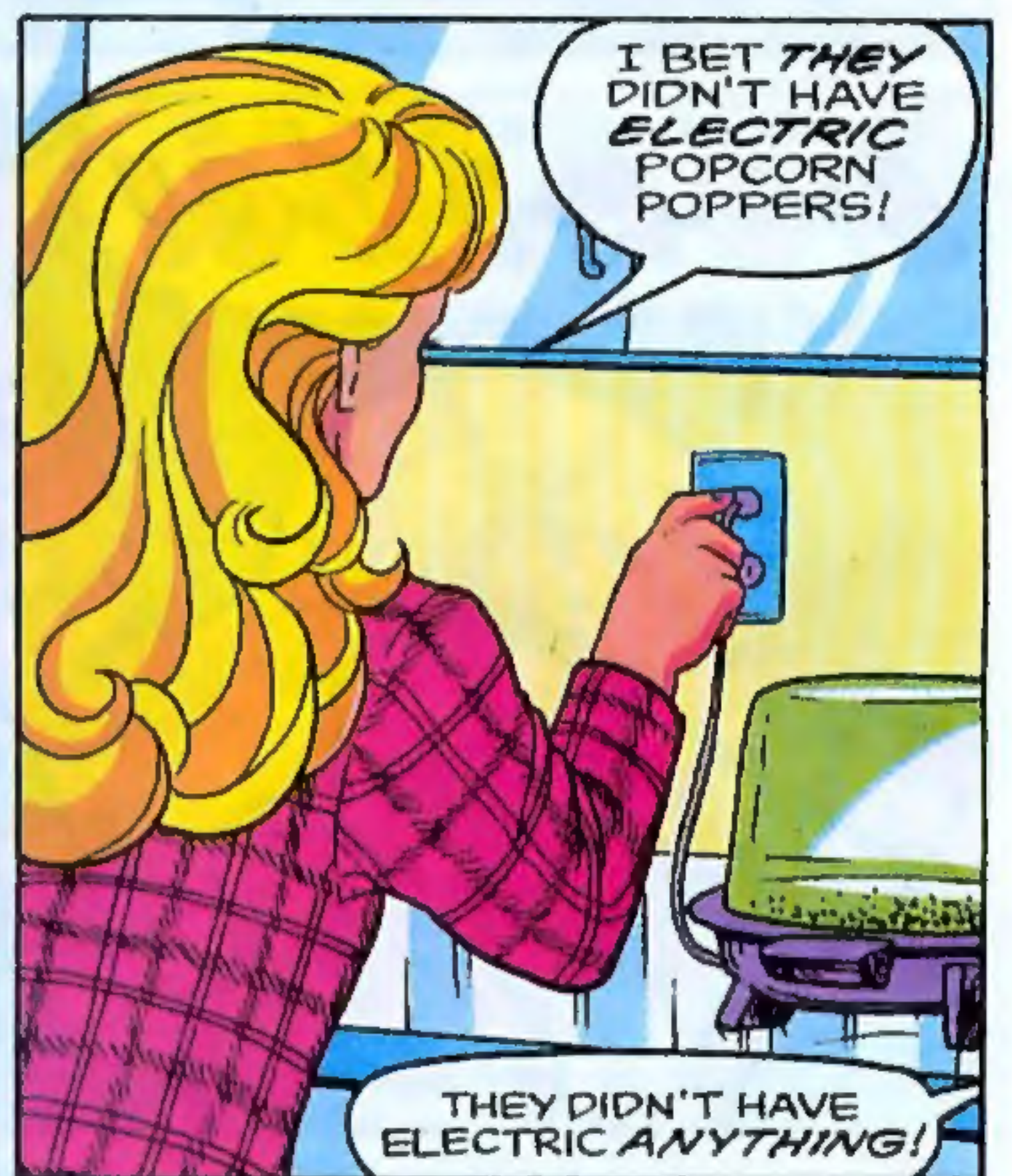
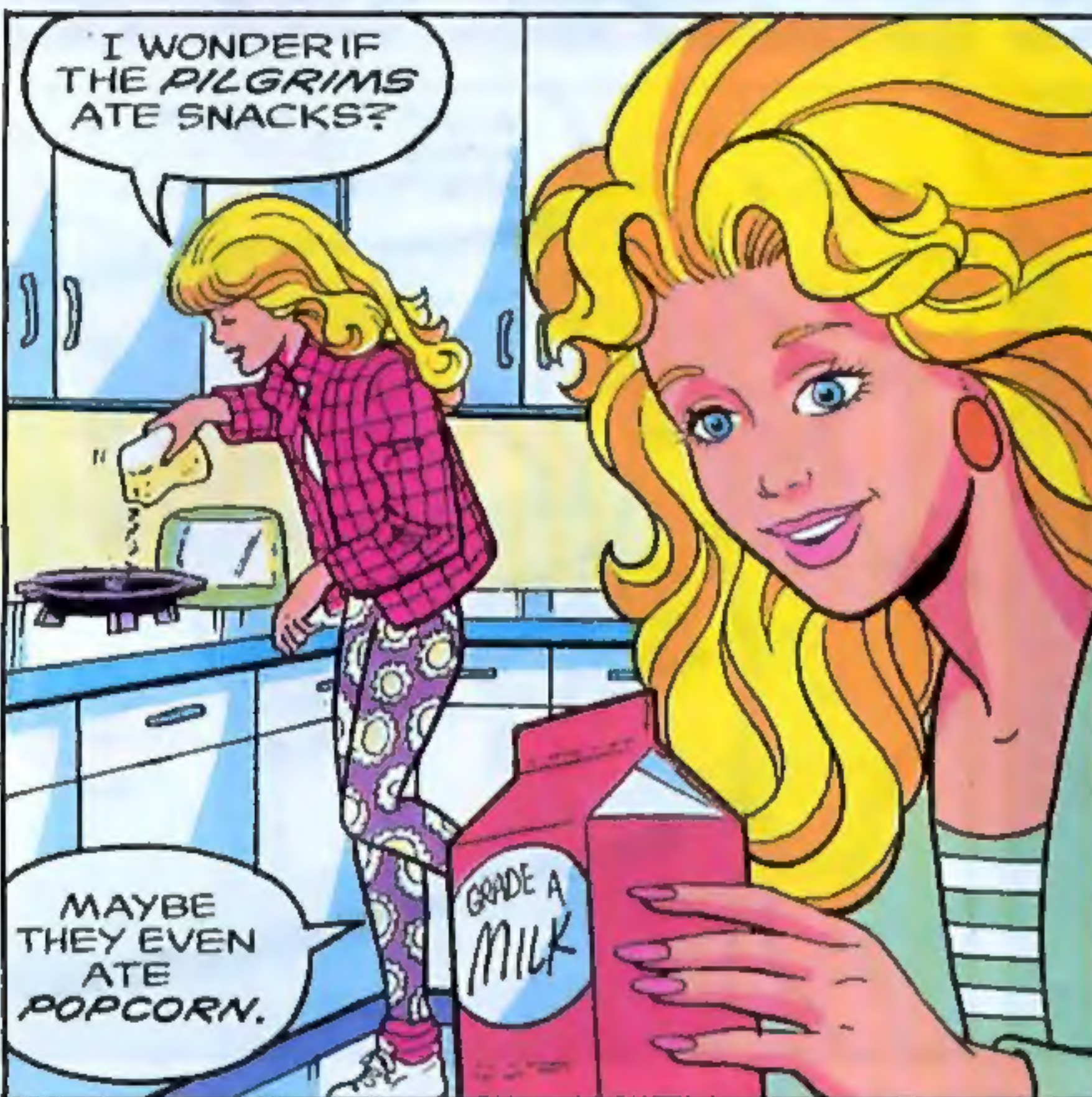
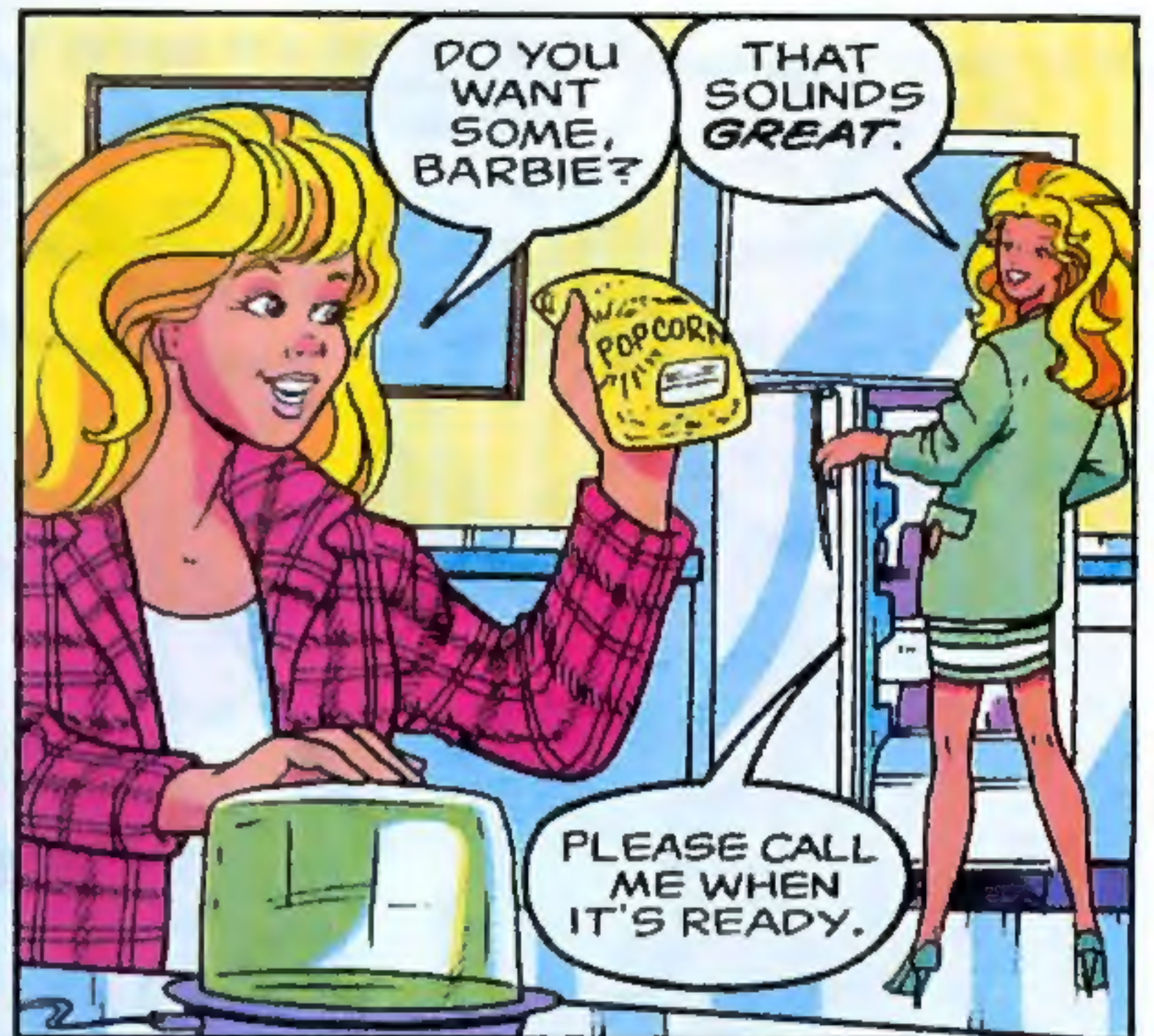
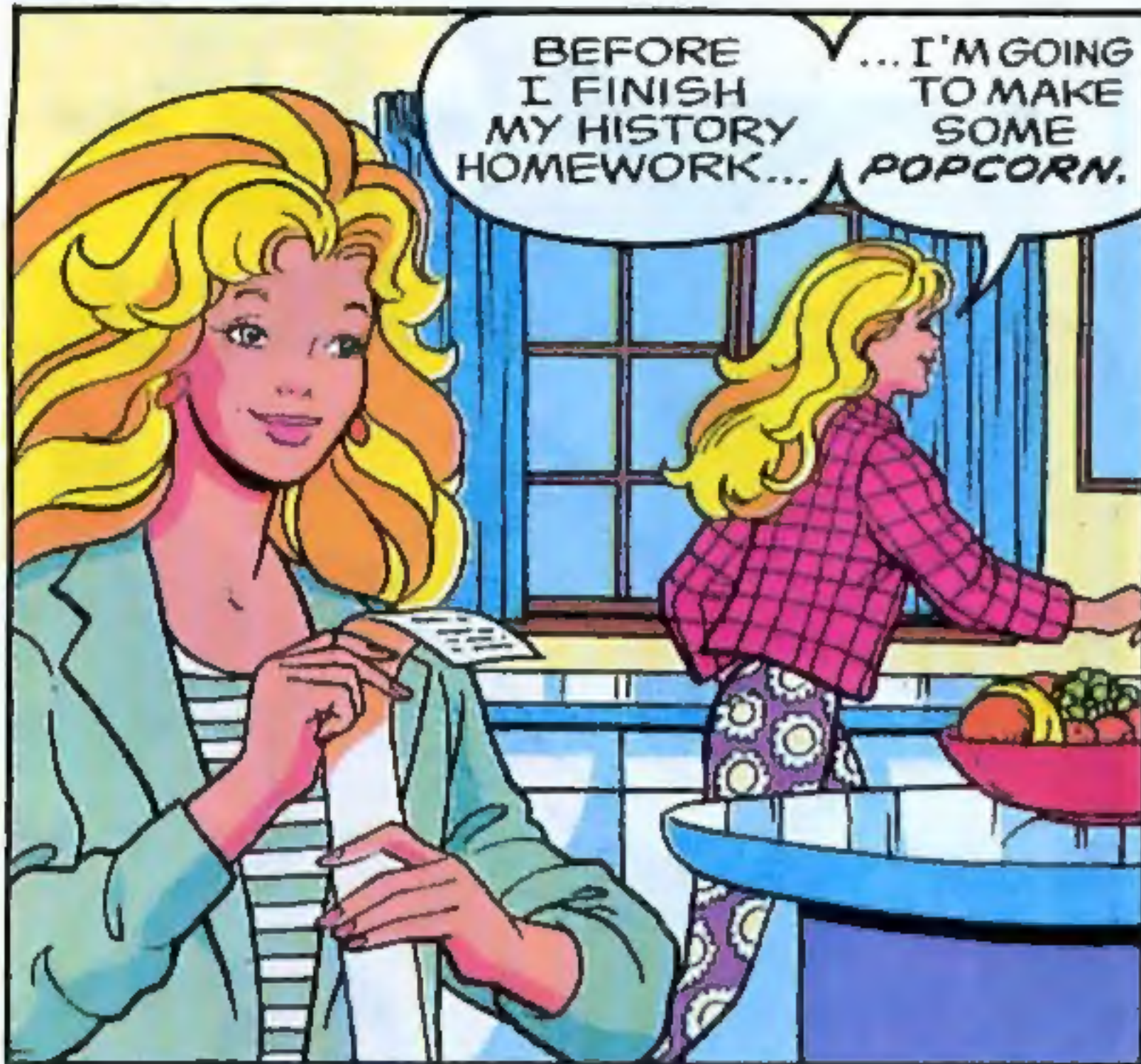
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WITH THANKSGIVING,  
SKIPPER?



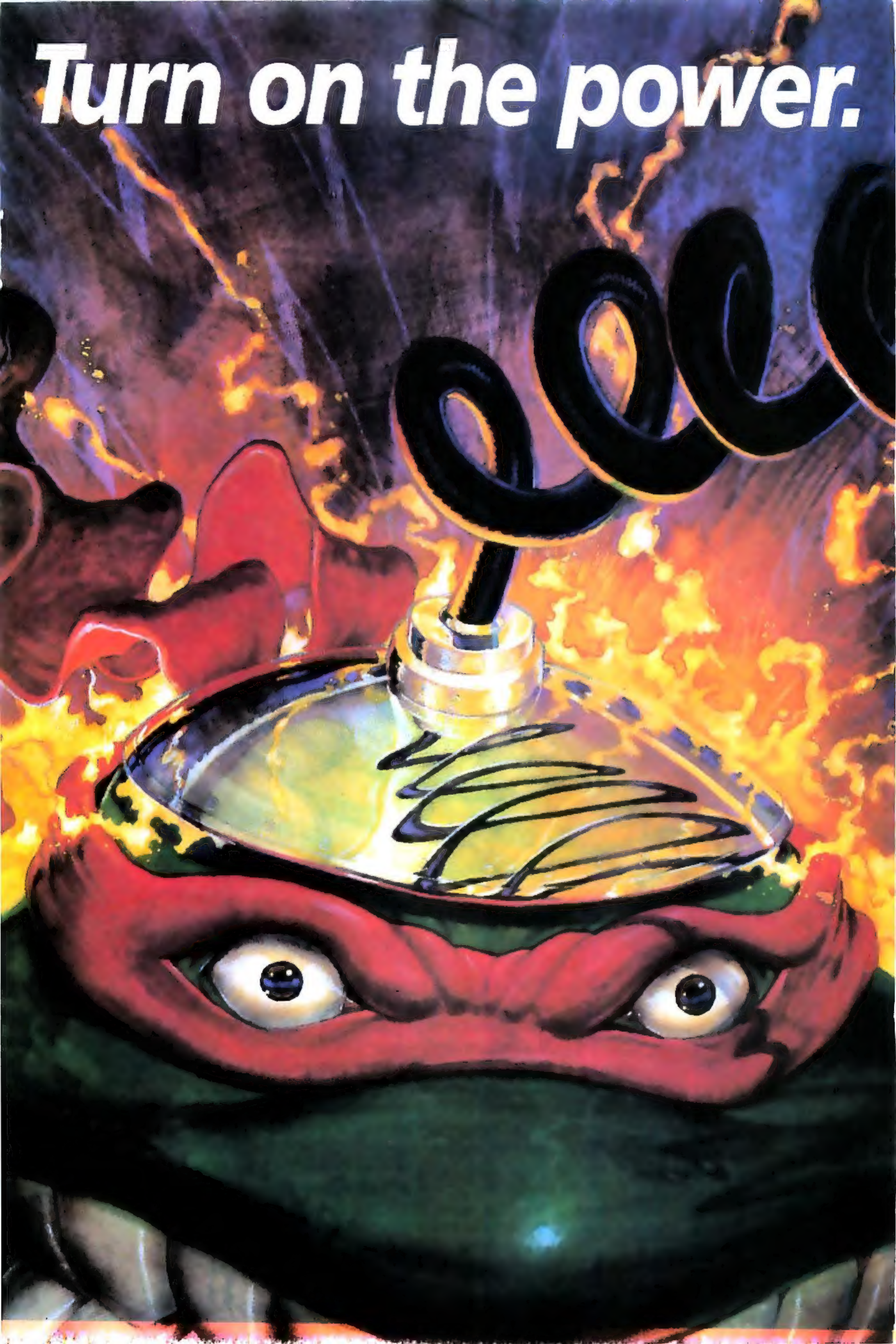












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## PART 2: SQUANTO'S PROMISE

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WE WERE ABLE  
TO COME ASHORE AND  
WASH OUR CLOTHES,  
SKIPPER.

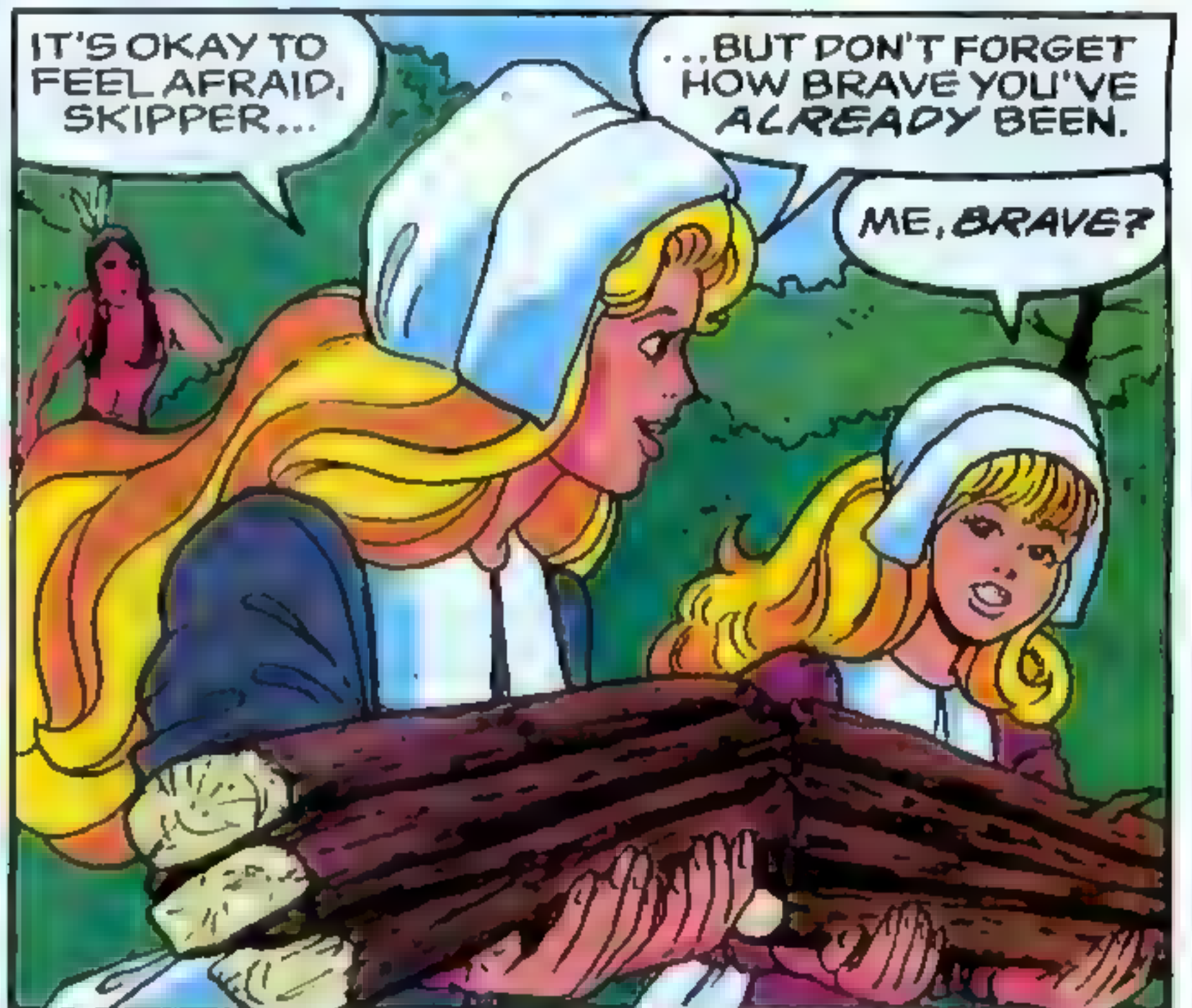
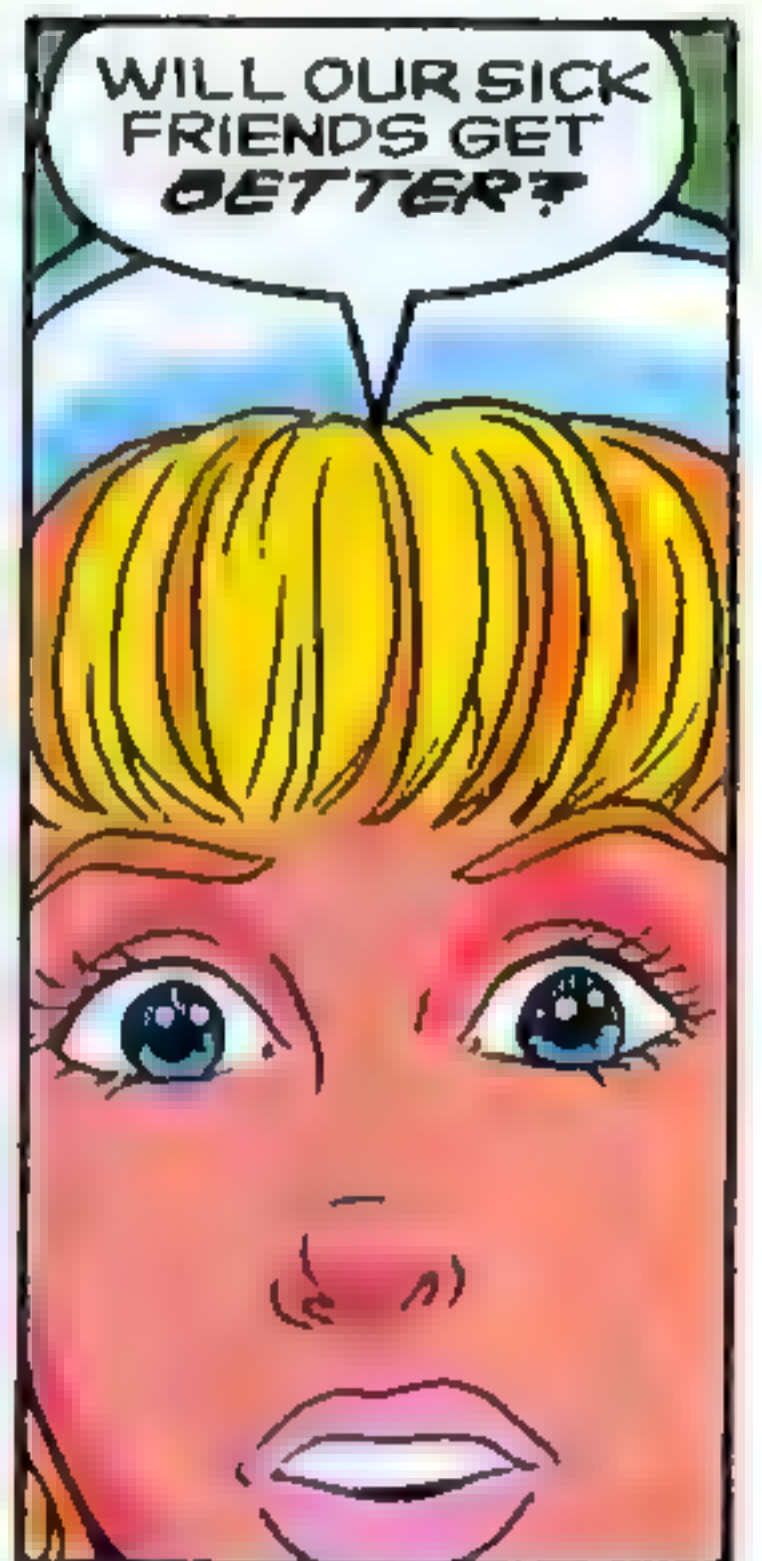
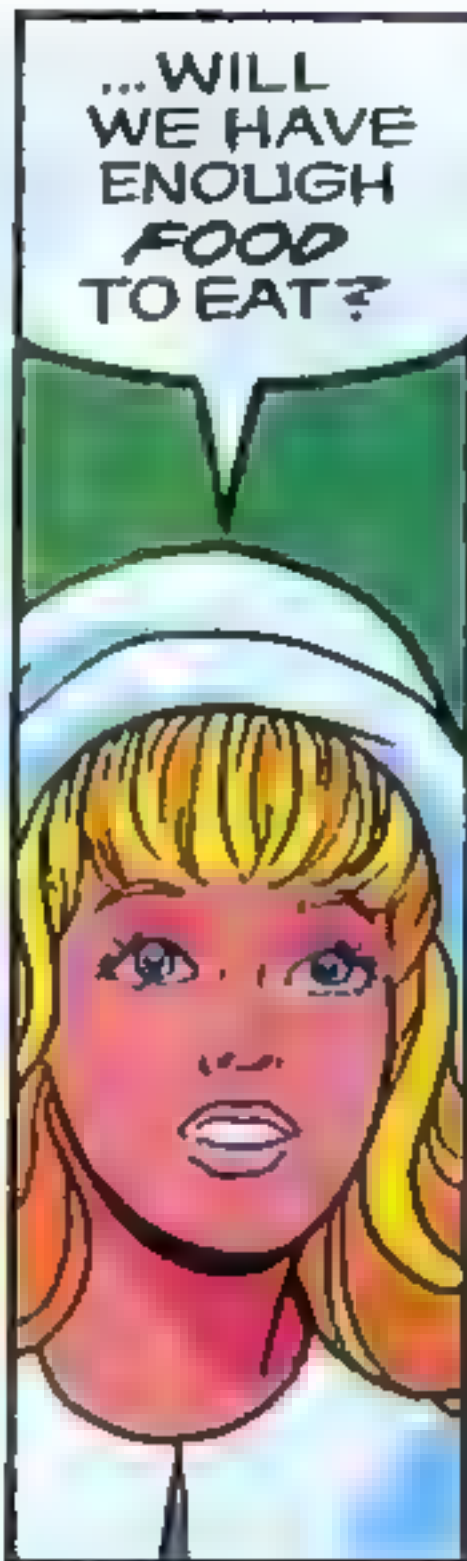
WE WERE  
ON THAT SHIP  
SO LONG... I'D  
FORGOTTEN  
WHAT CLEAN  
SMELLED  
LIKE!















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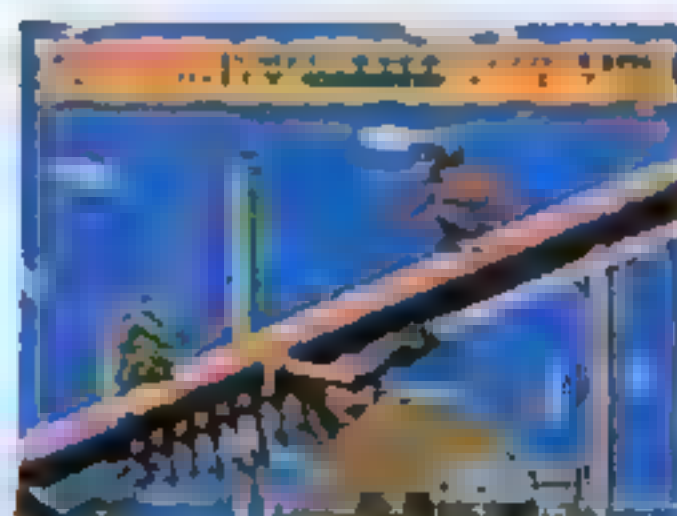
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— **GAME PLAYERS NINTENDO GUIDE**

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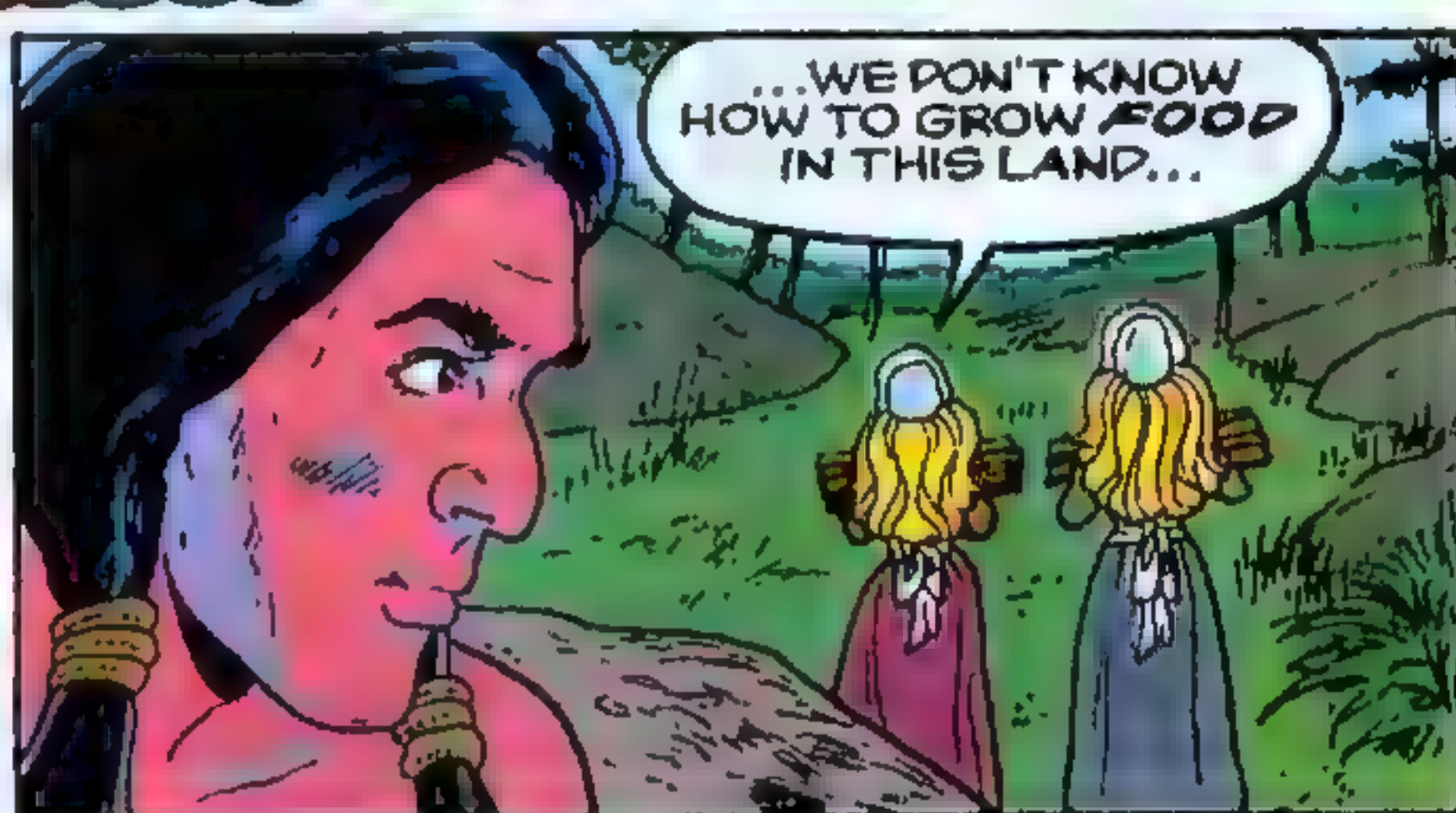
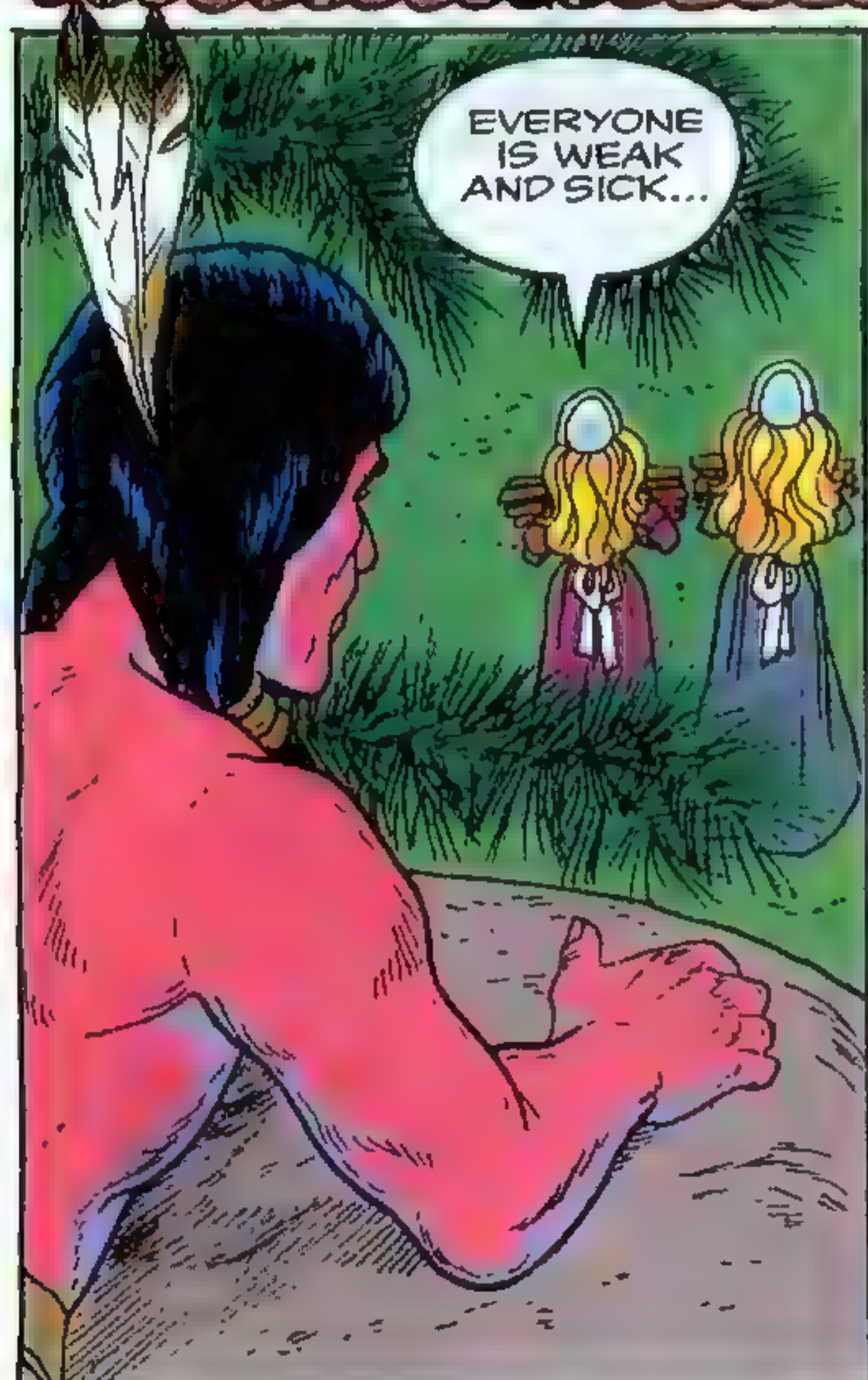
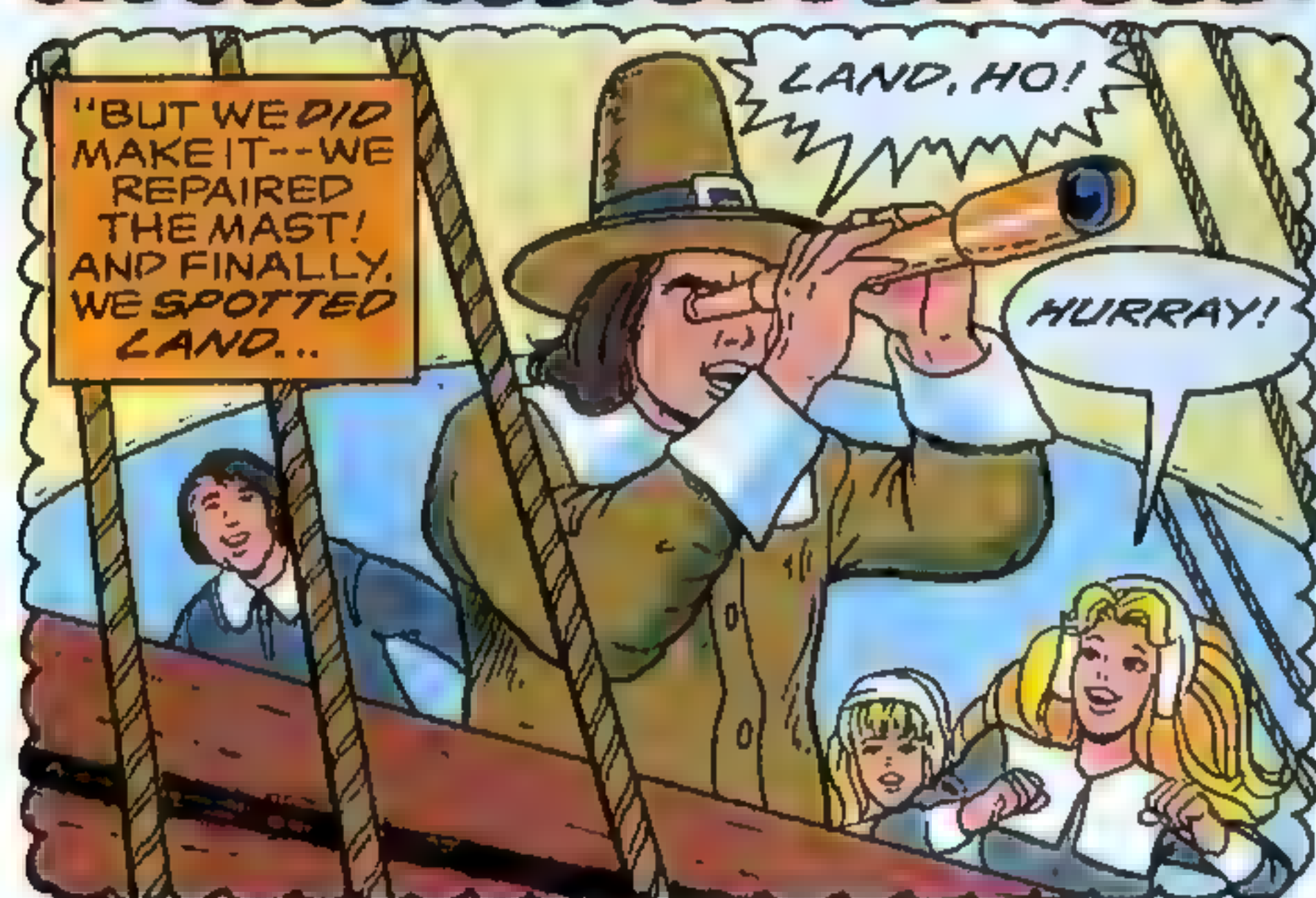
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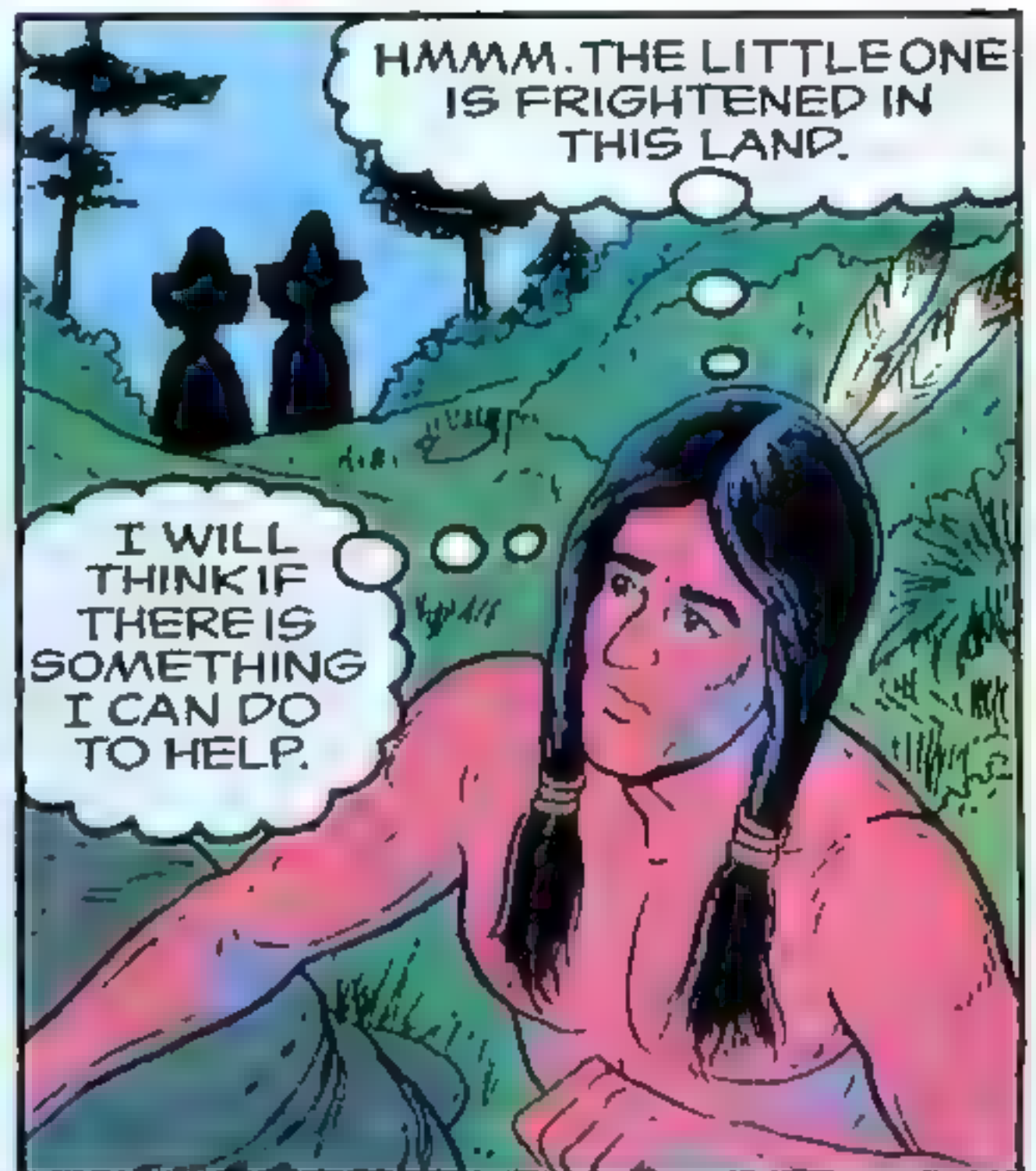
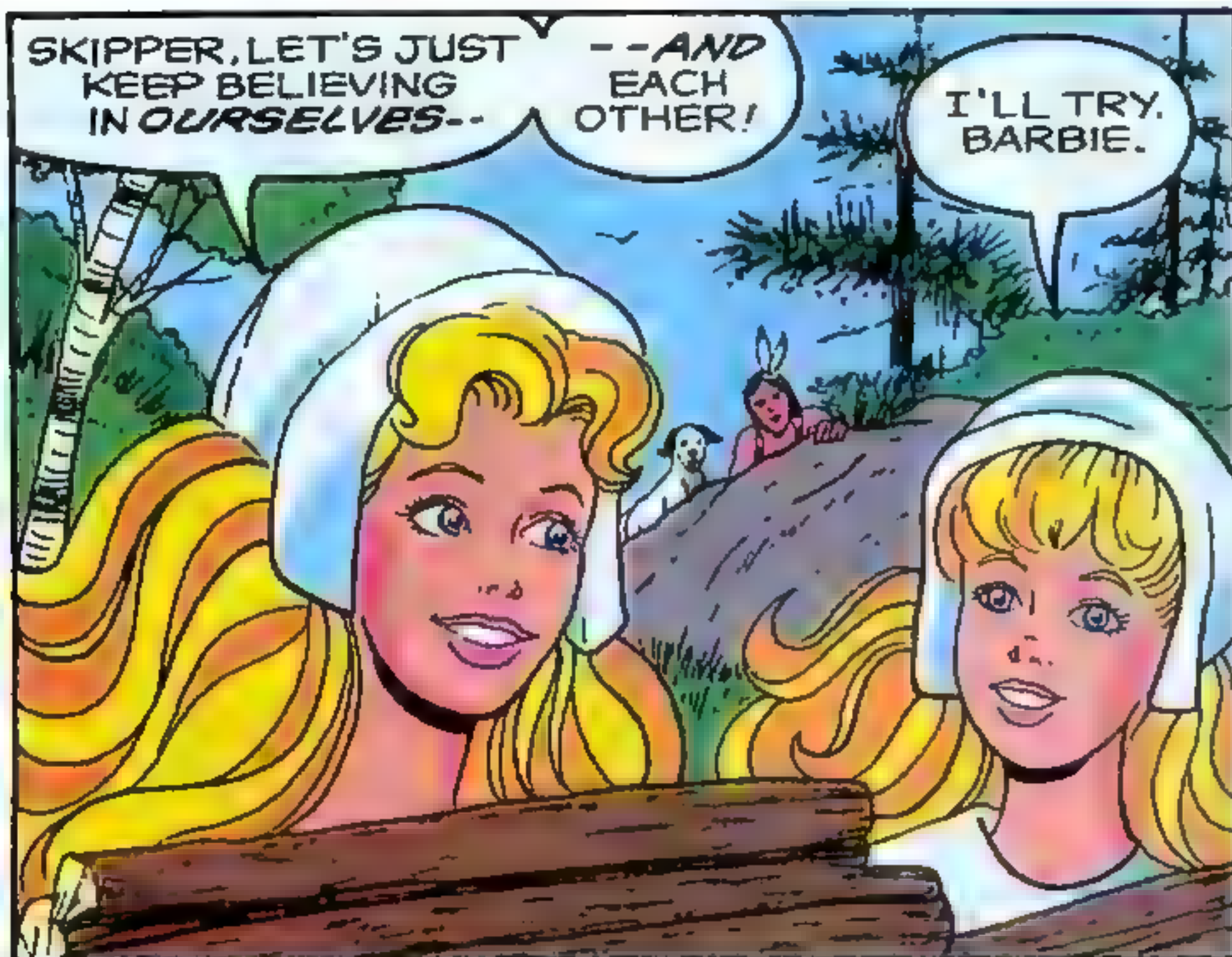
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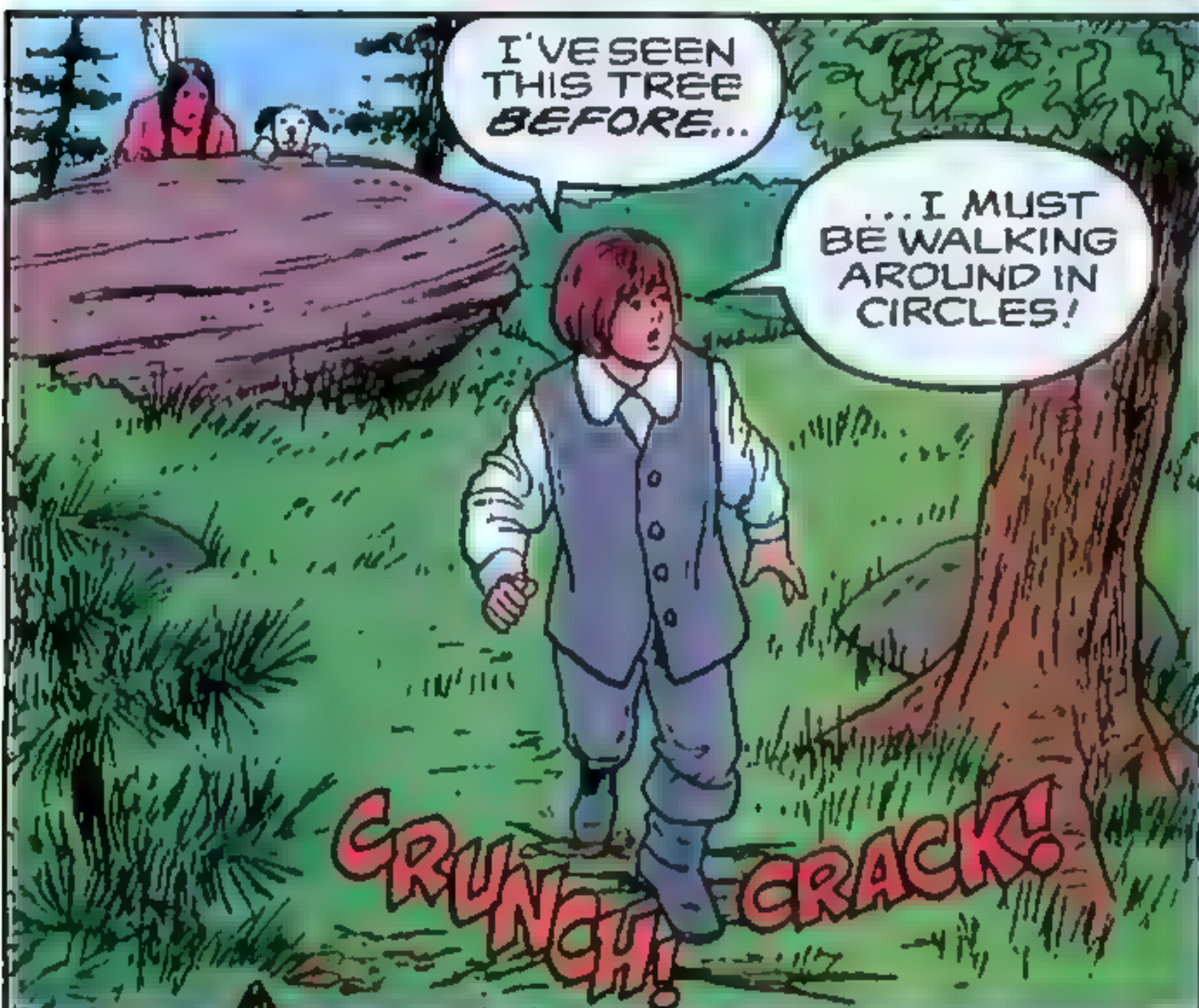














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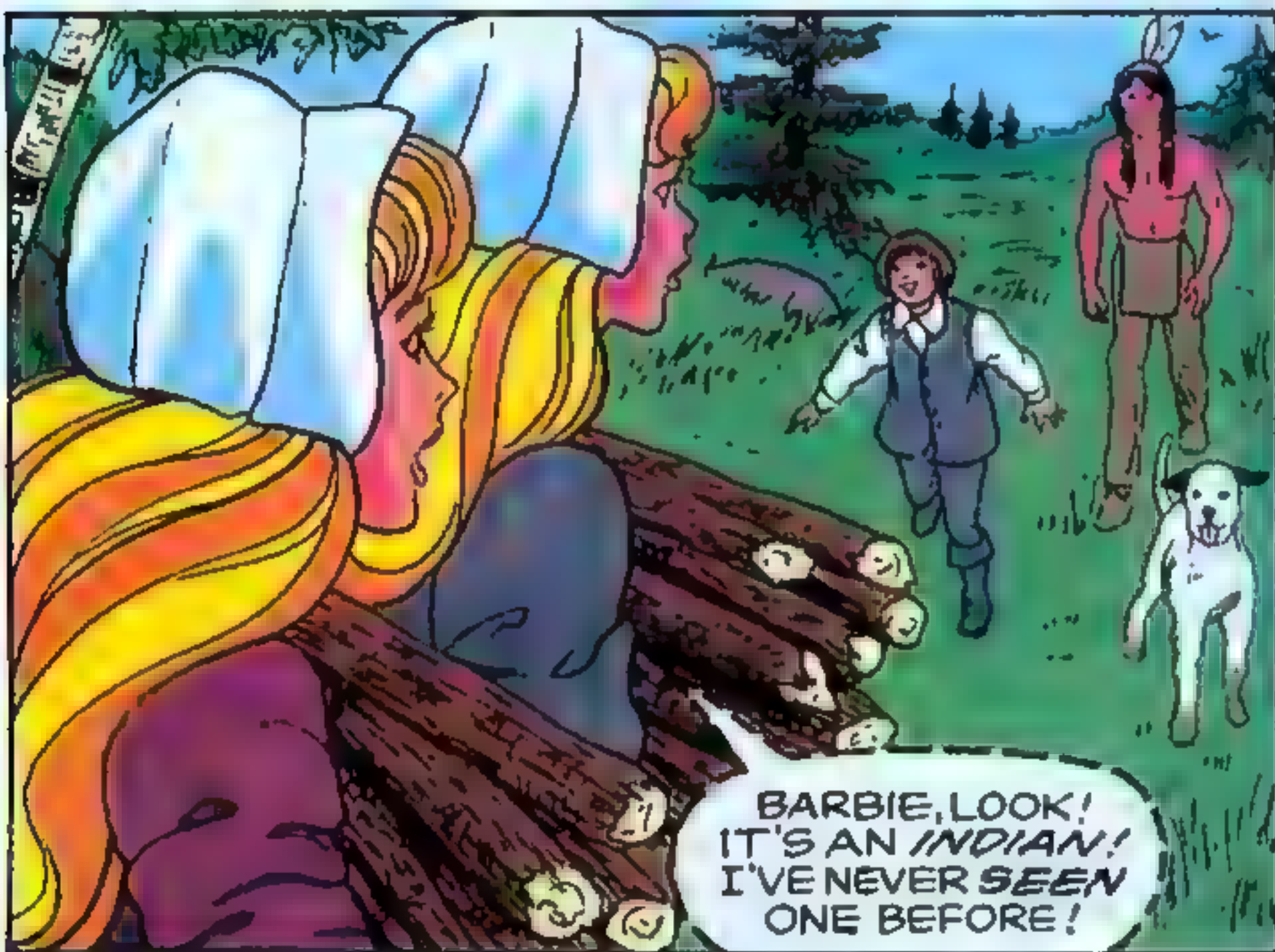


BARBIE!  
SKIPPER! OVER  
HERE!



SQUANTO  
IS BRINGING  
ME HOME!

WHO IS THAT  
PERSON WITH  
LITTLE JOHN?



BARBIE, LOOK!  
IT'S AN INDIAN!  
I'VE NEVER SEEN  
ONE BEFORE!



I DON'T THINK HE'LL  
UNDERSTAND ENGLISH,  
BUT I HOPE HE FORGIVES  
OUR CURIOUS STARES.



WE NEVER MET ANYONE  
WHO IS AS DIFFERENT  
AS SQUANTO IS,  
BARBIE.

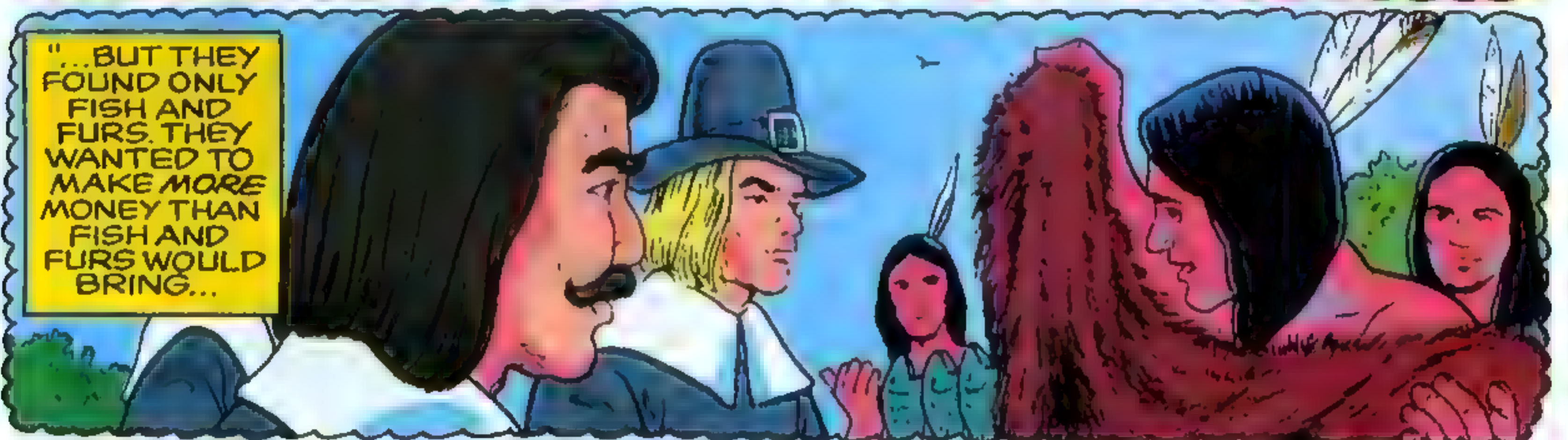
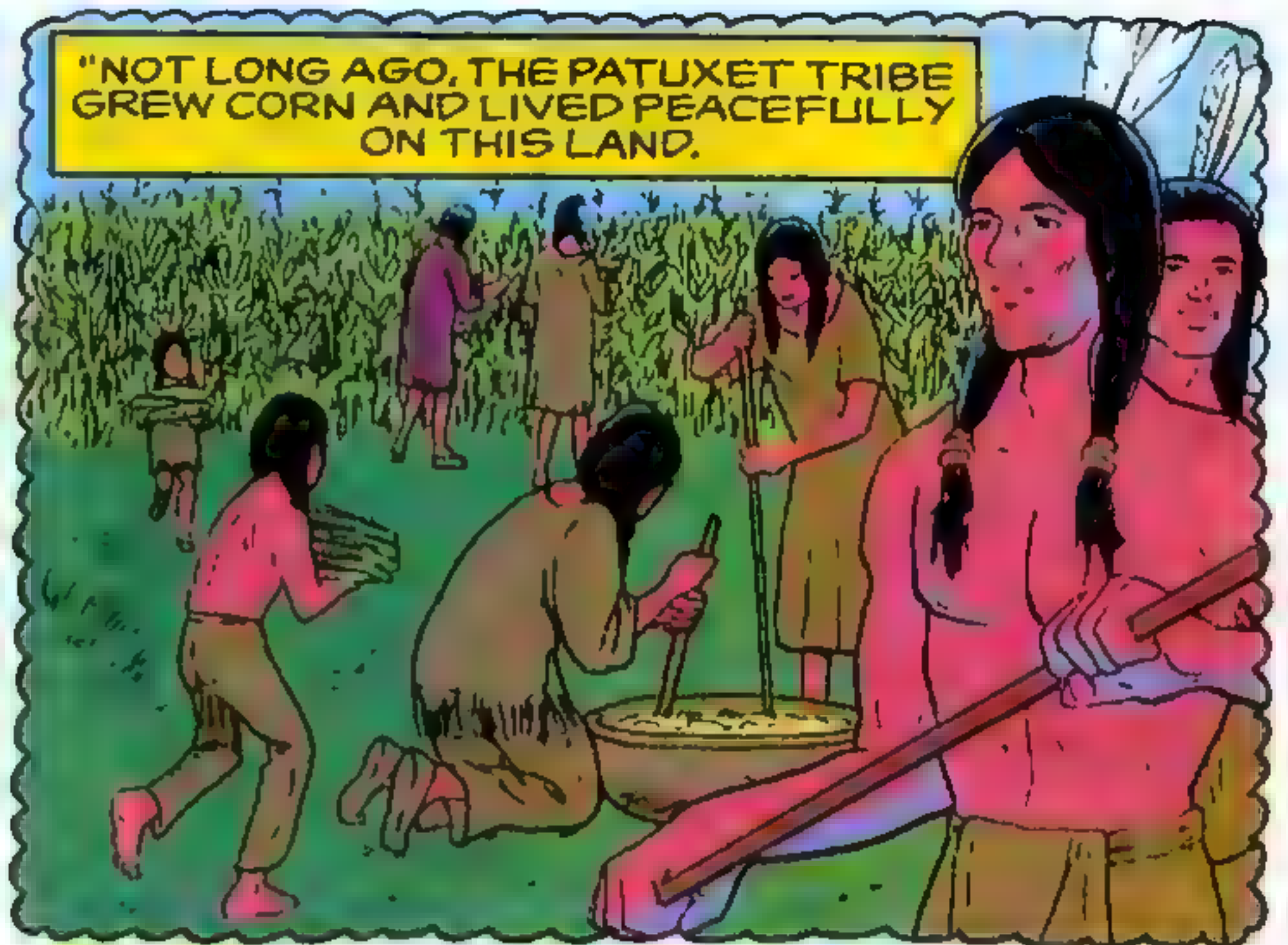
IT IS NATURAL TO  
BE CURIOUS...



...BUT PERHAPS  
I AM NOT AS  
DIFFERENT AS  
I APPEAR!

SQUANTO!  
YOU SPEAK  
ENGLISH!!









"MY MASTERS TREATED ME WELL. THEY TAUGHT ME THEIR LANGUAGE, BUT THEY KNEW THAT I WAS *UNHAPPY*."



"SO THEY HELPED ME TO GO BACK HOME."



"WHEN I CAME BACK TO THESE WOODS TO FIND MY PEOPLE..."



"...THEY WERE ALL GONE! A TERRIBLE SICKNESS HAD WIPE THEM OUT!"



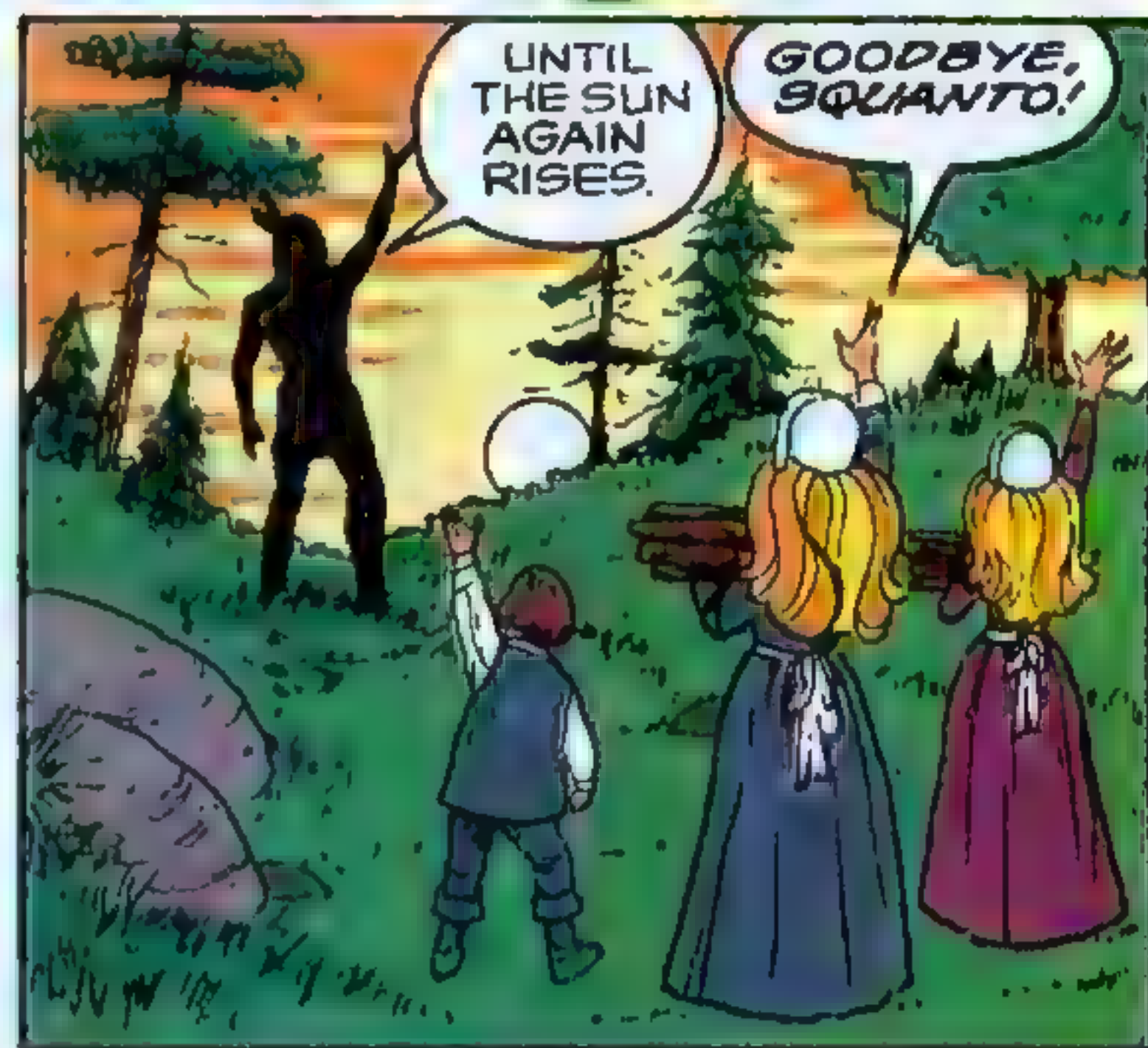
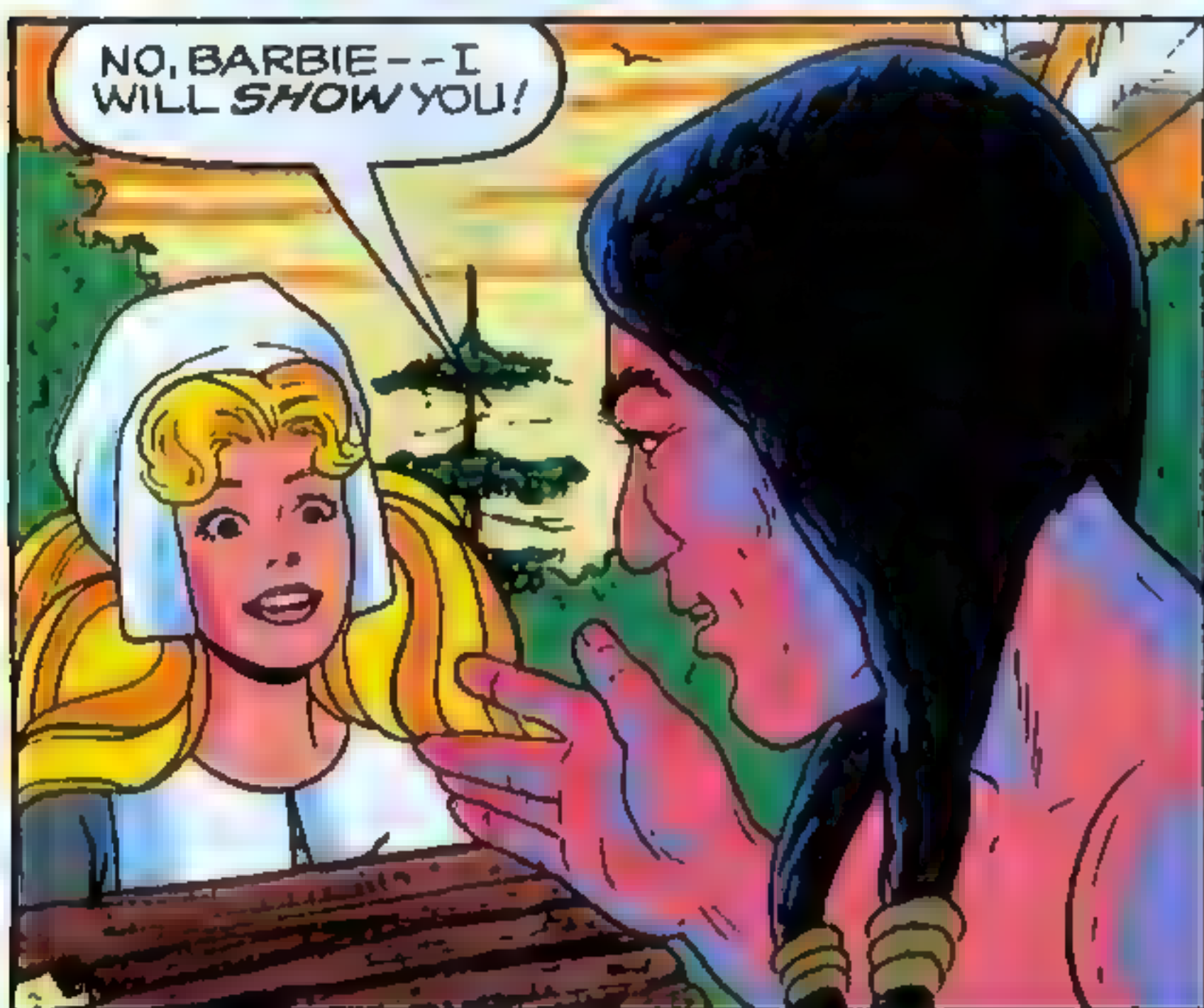
"NOW I WAS THE *ONLY* PATUXET LEFT. A NEIGHBORING TRIBE ADOPTED ME..."



"...AND NOW I WILL ADOPT YOU AND YOUR TRIBE."

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, SQUANTO?









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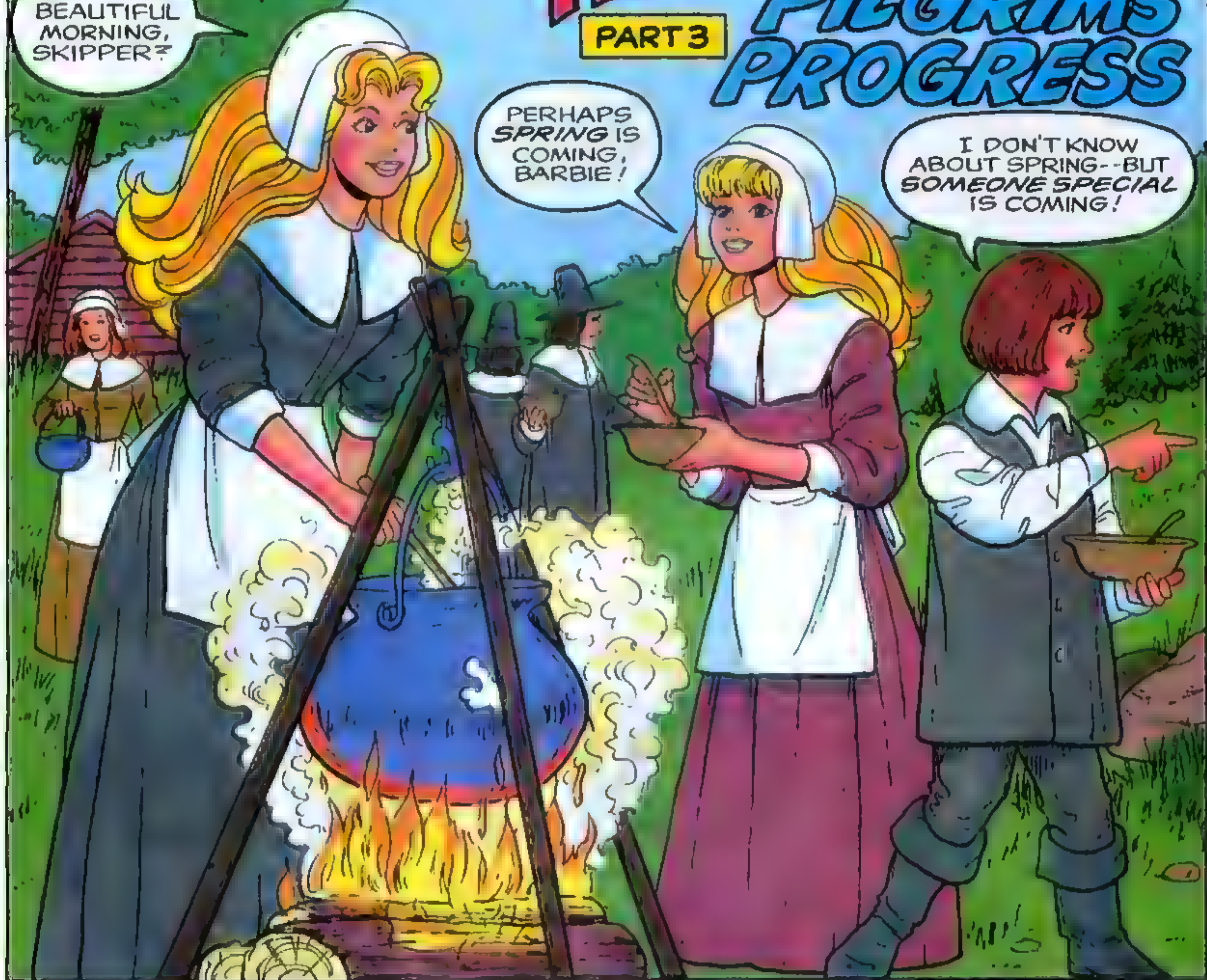
# THE FIRST THANKSGIVING PILGRIMS' PROGRESS

PART 3

ISN'T IT A BEAUTIFUL MORNING, SKIPPER?

PERHAPS SPRING IS COMING, BARBIE!

I DON'T KNOW ABOUT SPRING--BUT SOMEONE SPECIAL IS COMING!



SQUANTO!

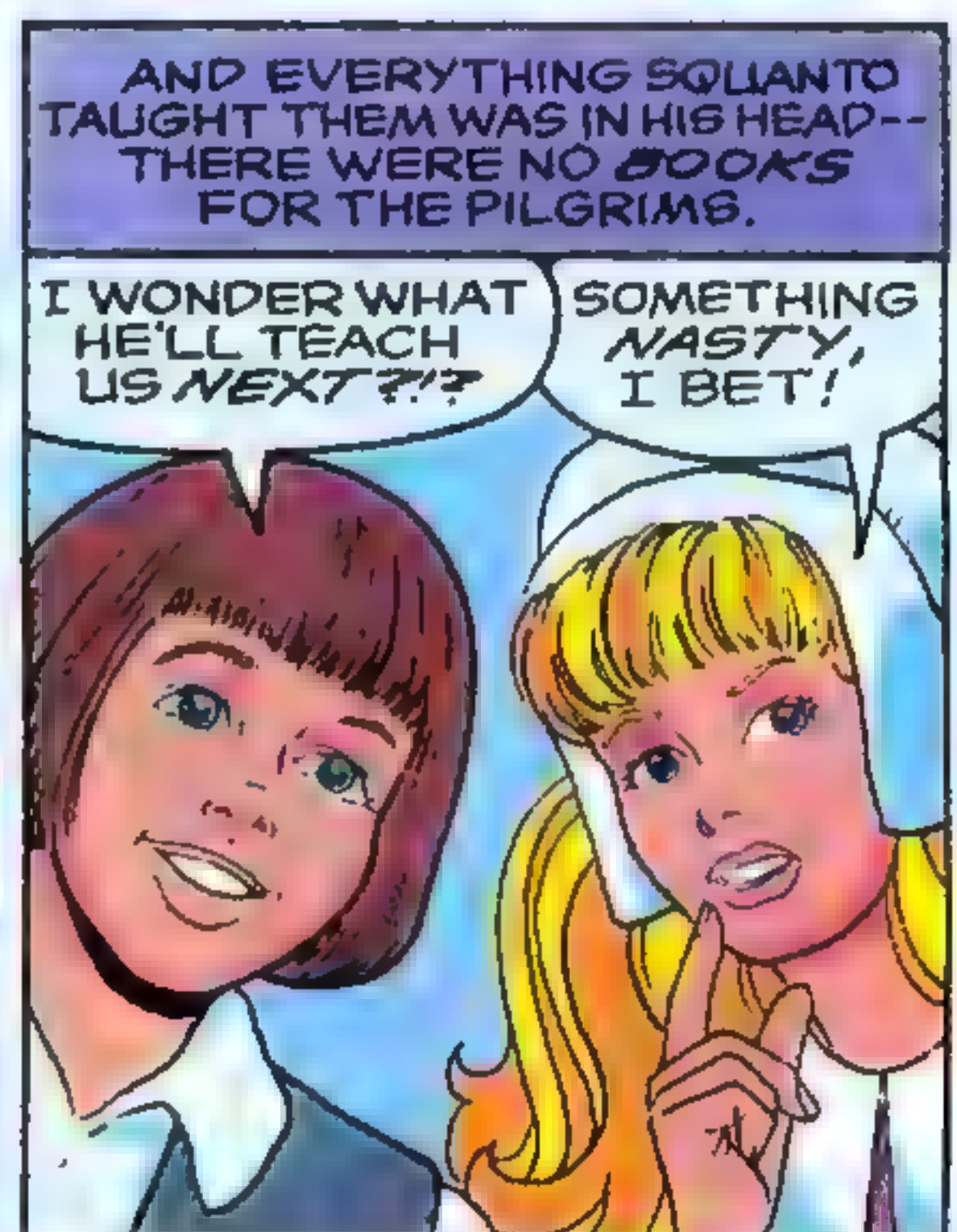
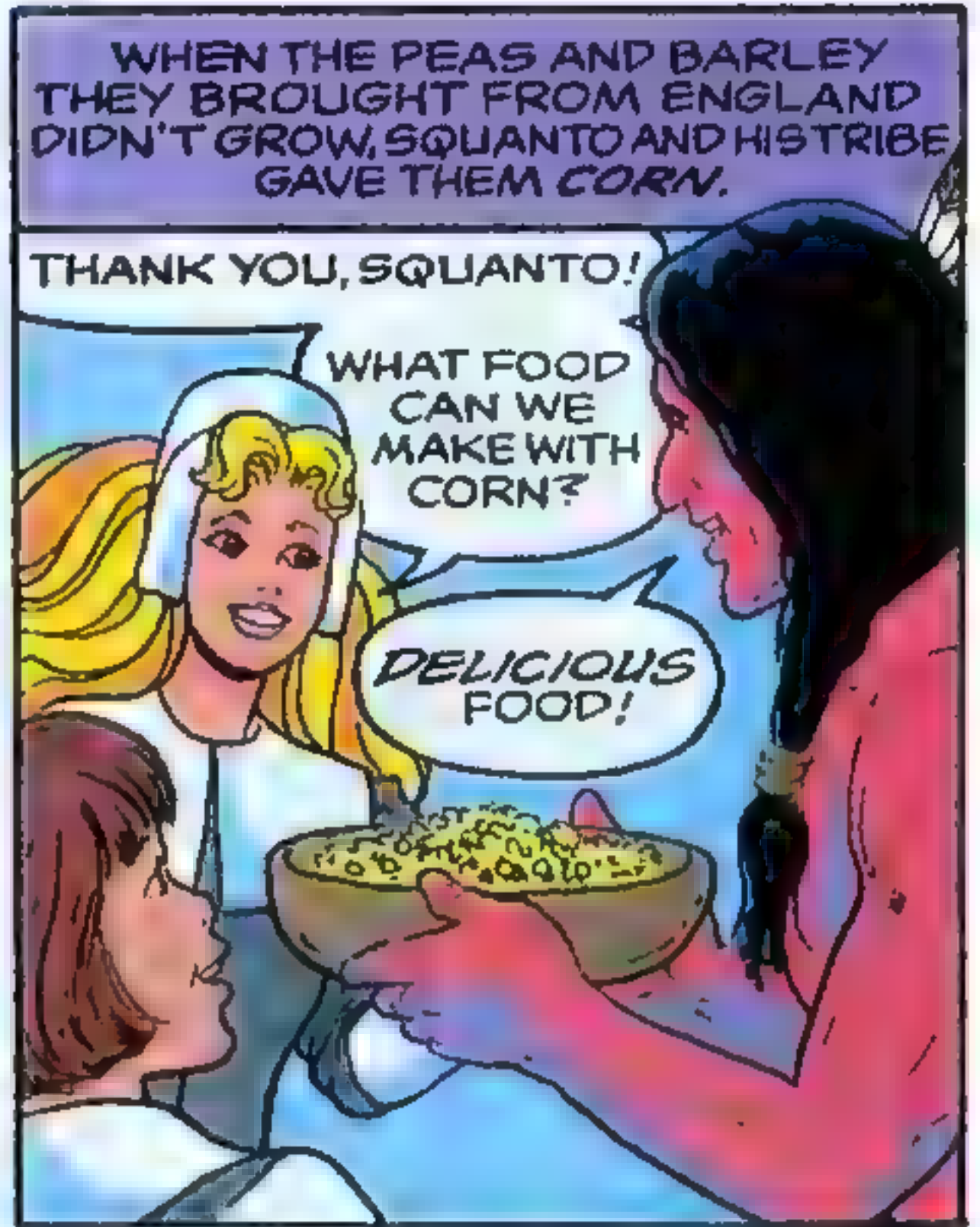
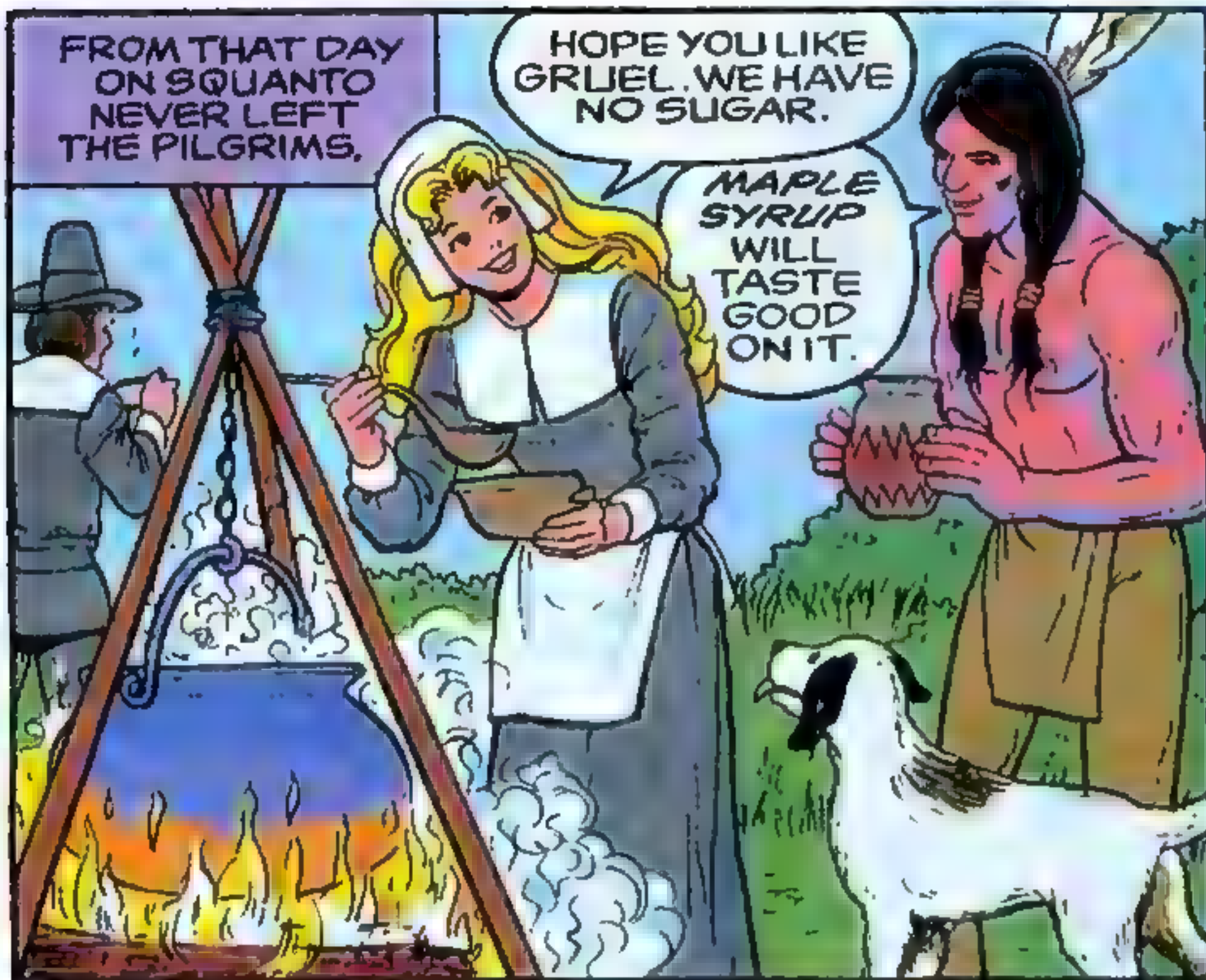
GOOD MORNING!



IS THERE ANYTHING I CAN DO TO HELP?



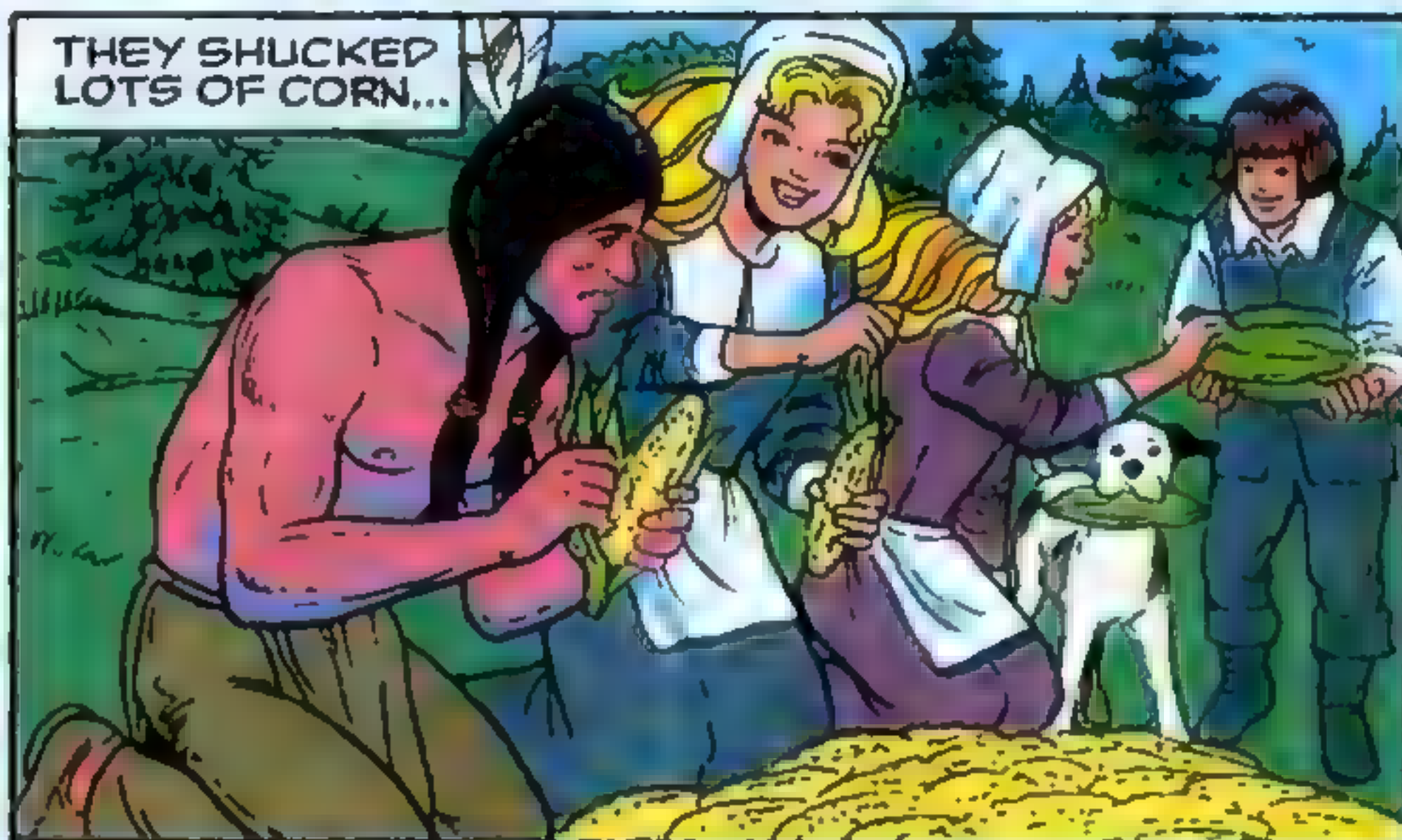




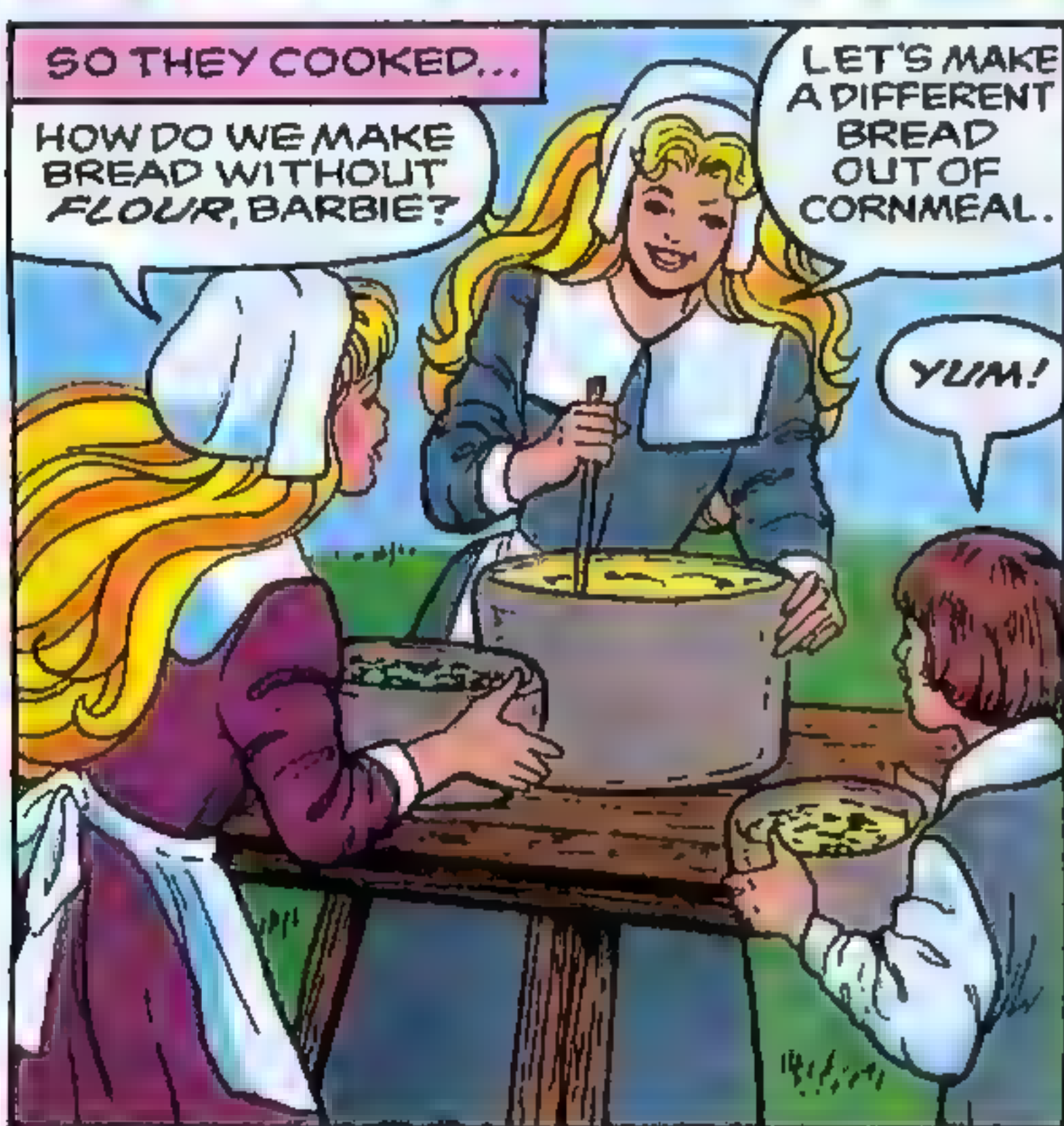














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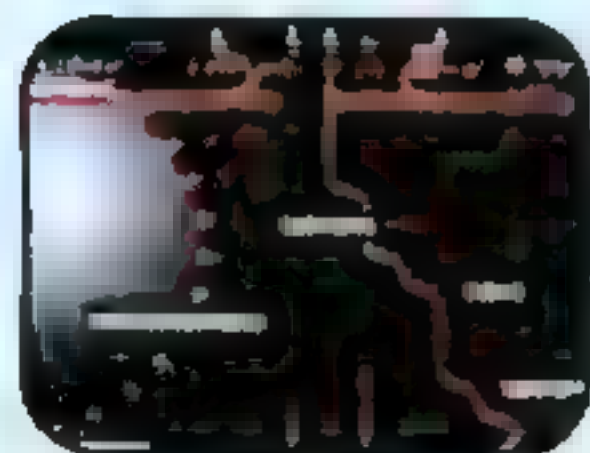
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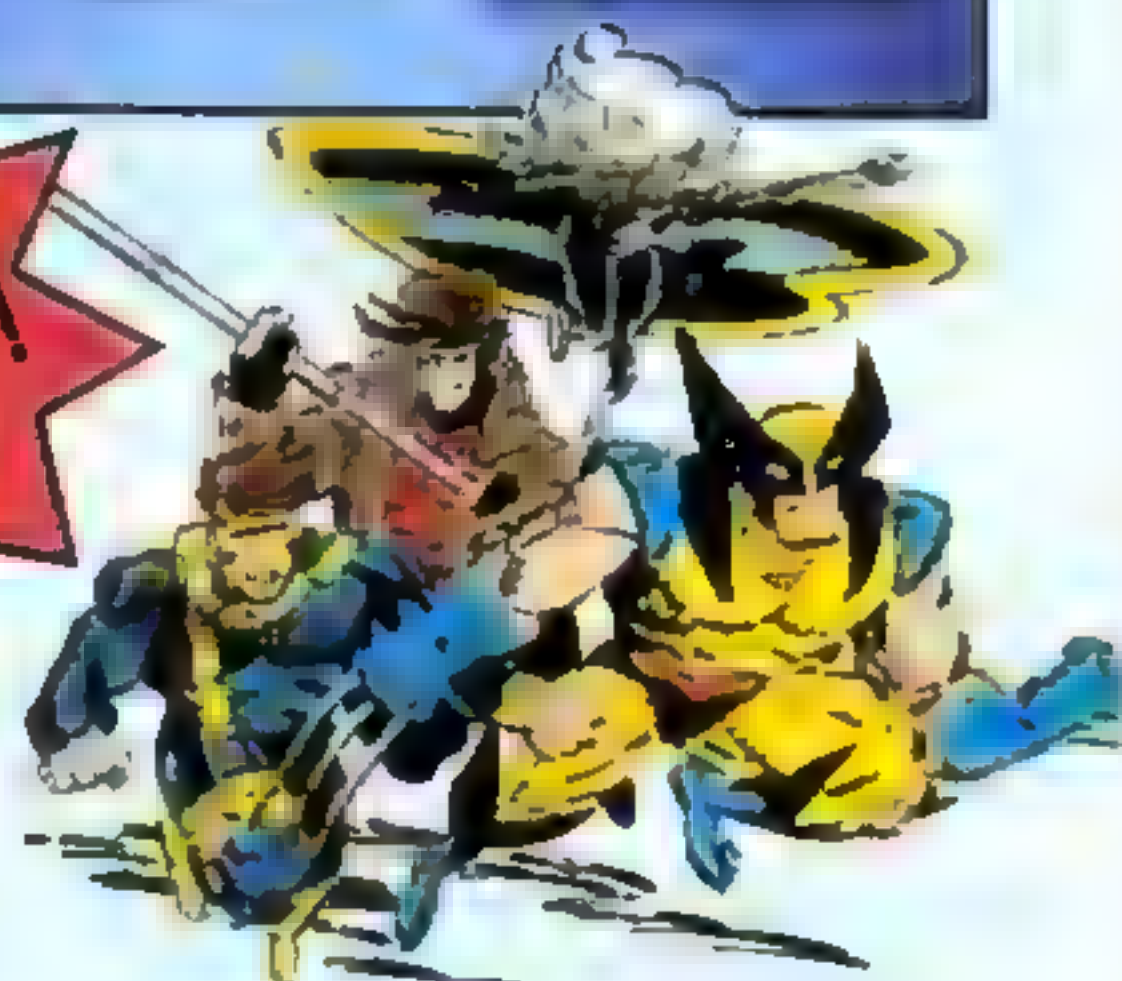
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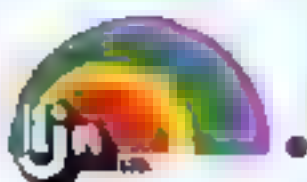


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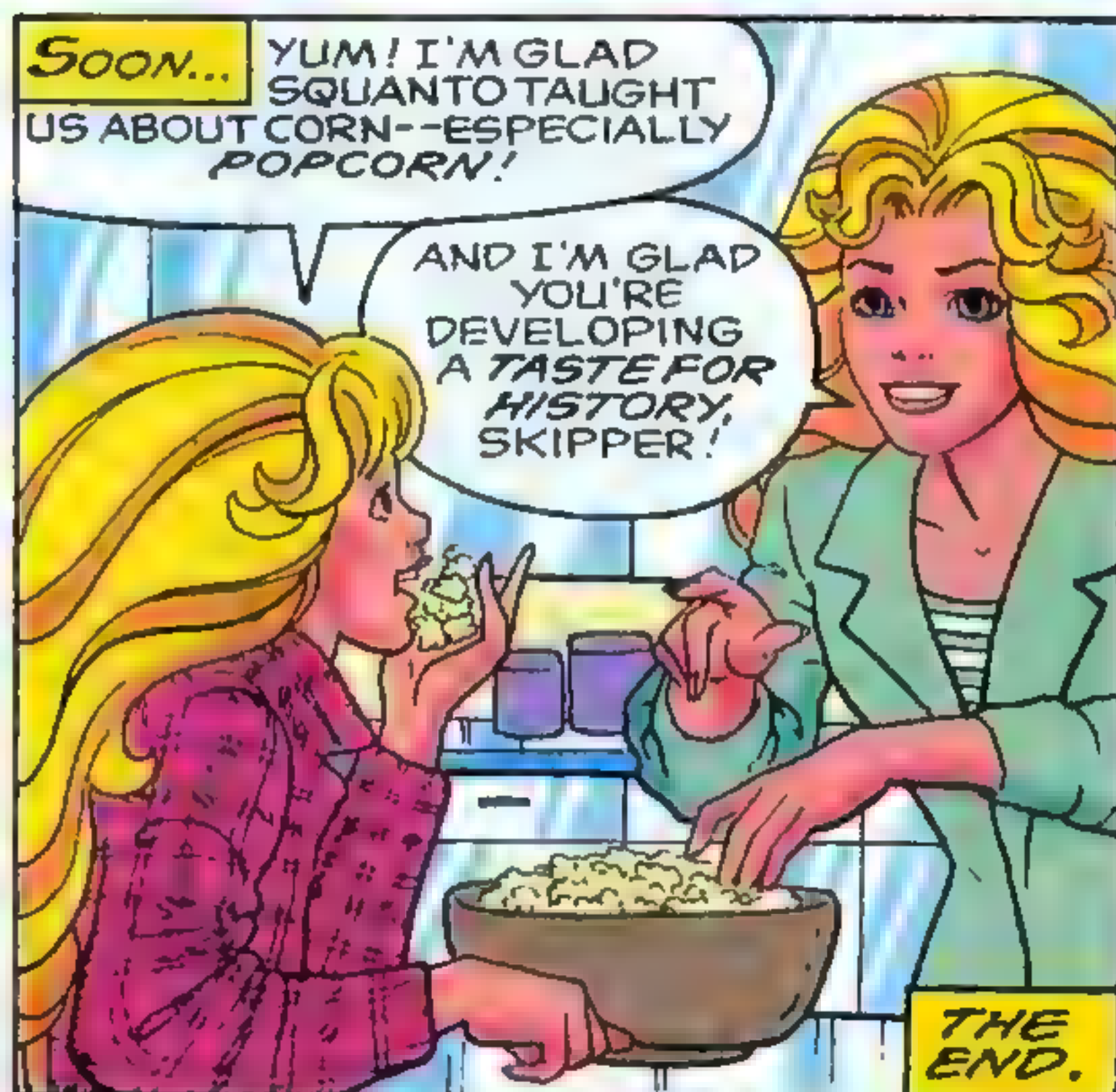
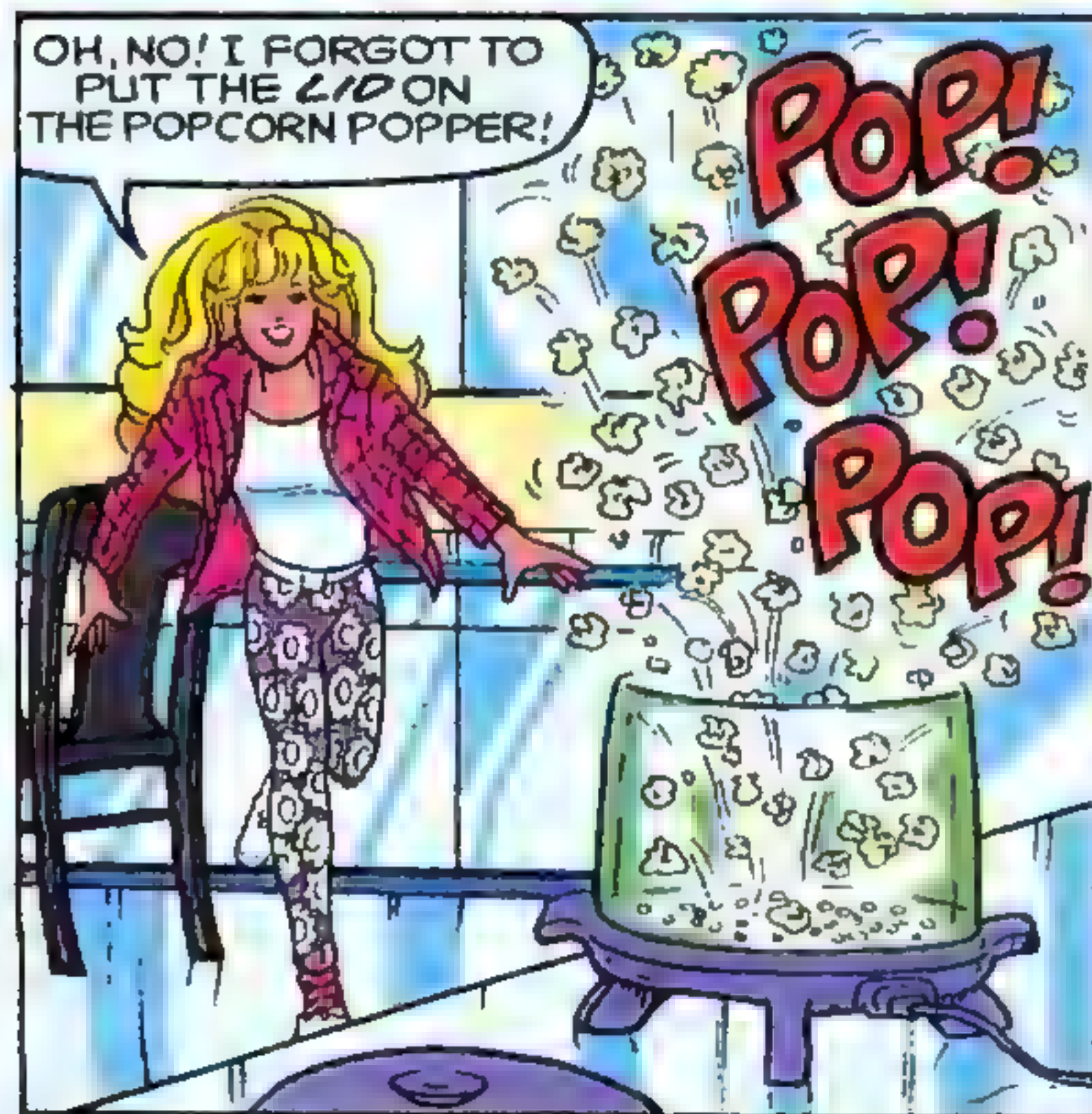
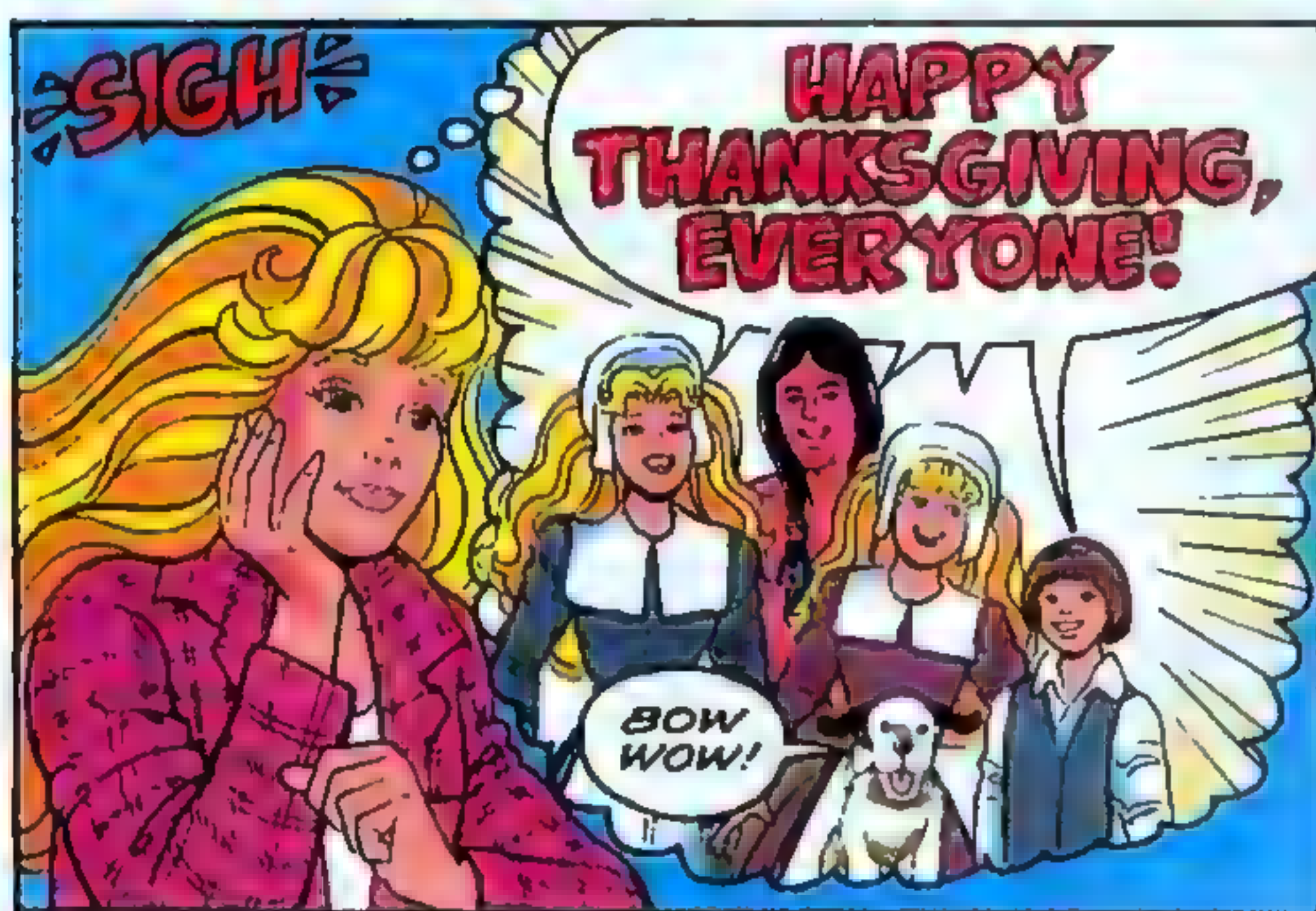
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**Hey, kids — Since we print your name, age, city and state, please include them on your letters**

Dear BARBIE,

Hi! My name is Ashley. I am 5 years old. I have 20 Barbie dolls. I am a big fan of yours. I enjoy BARBIE comics very much. My big sister, Brandi, reads them to me as soon as they come in the mail. You are my favorite toy. I love you!

Ashley Palmer, age 5  
Gibson, GA

It's very nice of your big sister to read BARBIE to you, Ashley! Soon, you'll be able to read them by yourself!

Dear BARBIE,

I always read your comics. I think they are great. My name is Shannon and I'm 9 years old. My birthday is in December. I'm in the 4th grade. I am such a big fan of yours. I have many Barbie dolls. Write me back.

Shannon Taylor, age 9  
Salem, IN

We get a lot of letters from dedicated Barbie fans like you, Shannon, and we wish we could answer every one! But we receive hundreds of letters every month, and if we tried to answer them all, we wouldn't have any time to put together BARBIE and BARBIE FASHION! We hope everyone who writes to us enjoys reading letters from other BARBIE fans here every month!

Dear BARBIE Comics,

Our names are Jenni and Chelsea. We are in the 4th grade. We really like BARBIE comic books. We can't wait to get the next issue.

Jenni Geer, age 9  
Chelsea Bowler, age 9  
Riverton, UT

We think you are the first pair of friends, Jenni and Chelsea, to write us a letter together! Check out the next two letters!

Dear BARBIE,

My name's Tammi. I'm 5 years old. I love BARBIE comics. I can't spell very well, so my older sister is writing this letter for me. I can't wait till I get another Barbie doll so my twin sister, Jessica, will play Barbies with me. You're my best friend, Barbie!

Tammi Berger, age 5  
Greenville, MS

And:

Dear BARBIE,

I love you! I love all your friends, too. I have

a big sister named Melissa who's writing this letter for me. I love her, too!

Jessica Berger, age 5  
Greenville, MS

Thanks for writing, Tammi and Jessica! We enjoyed reading letters from twins who are both big fans of BARBIE! And thanks also to Melissa, who helped you both to write to us!

Dear BARBIE,

I enjoy reading your comics. They're fantastic. (They're everything anybody could ever want.) Every time I get a new comic book, I read it right away! Most of the time I read them over and over.

Michelle Schumpert, age 10  
Tupelo, MS

Well, Michelle, if you enjoy reading BARBIE over and over — we must be doing something right!

Dear BARBIE,

I'm 14 years old and I love BARBIE. The comics are great. They are excellent books to read anytime you want.

I don't speak English very well, so I read the comics to practice the language, and because they are great! Thank you for them.

Milvia Volero, age 14  
Miami, FL

We never thought of using BARBIE to practice English, Milvia — but we think it's a great idea! Good luck!

Dear BARBIE,

I have a lot of BARBIE comics. I love your ideas and style in clothes. I have tried almost everything in your "Craft Shop" and hope to do more! You are my favorite!

Jill Tenebrini, age 9  
Crystal Lake, IL

Barbie's "Craft Shop" has been a very popular feature with many of our readers, Jill! The good news is there will be more "Craft Shops!" Watch for them!

Dear BARBIE,

I haven't subscribed yet, because I just found out about your comics. I went out and bought 3 issues.

I'm going to be in middle school next year. My question is, as I get older, should I stop playing with my Barbie dolls, reading my books and comic books?

I ask this because I was reading BARBIE comics and my cousin said, "Oh, grow up.

Read something more mature."

Jennylyn Estril, age 11  
Warren, MI

You're never too old for BARBIE, Jennylyn! An important part of Barbie's popularity is her appeal to all ages! Do read other things that interest you, but don't ever give up on your favorite doll! The next letter writer sure didn't!

Dear BARBIE Comics,

I hope you don't think this is silly, but do you know you have fans who are older and collect Barbie things? Like me!

I am 32 years old and I collect Barbie items. I remember when I was younger, for Christmas my mother gave me Barbie paper dolls and Barbie colorforms.

I would like to say that you are a great role model for children, because you take care of yourself and care about other people. Every girl in the whole world should have a Barbie doll. If she doesn't, she's missing out on a lot.

I love your fun and colorful life. I hope someday to have a daughter. I want to give her Barbie toys.

You're tops with me! Thanks a million! Keep up the good work.

Renee Amaral, age 32  
Norton, MA

Letter like yours remind us that there are many readers and collectors who are older, Renee! Your letter reminds all of us that Barbie is the best!

Dear BARBIE,

My name is Hailey. I like your adventures! Whenever my sister and I start playing Barbies, we play for the rest of the day. I really enjoy them!

Hailey Ann Evanoff, age 9  
Spartanburg, SC

When you really love to do something, Hailey, you can often lose track of time while doing it! It's great to hear that you and your sister feel that way about Barbie!

Dear BARBIE,

My name is Carole Walker. My friend Abby Lene and I love to play Barbies. My friend is in the 6th grade and I am in the 4th grade.

My problem is that I have to get braces. The more I think about it, it doesn't really seem that bad, but it's still scary.

Carole Walker, age 9  
Plainfield, IN



Braces aren't bad at all, Carole! In a short while, when you're all through with them, you'll have a healthy, beautiful smile — for the rest of your life!

We understand why you find braces scary, though. We have a few suggestions: Ask some of your friends who have braces to tell you what it's like. Find out if any adults you know have ever had braces and talk to them as well. Most importantly, talk to your parents and tell them how you feel. Ask them to set up an appointment with your orthodontist for you to talk to him or her. You'll get a chance to see the office, meet the doctor, and ask all about getting braces. Hope this helps!

Dear BARBIE,

My name is April. I had never heard of BARBIE comics before, until my brother brought one home. Now I like BARBIE comics. I have a lot of Barbie dolls. I am in 5th grade. My 4th grade teacher was very nice. Her name is Sandra Walker.

April Denise Young, age 10  
Estill Springs, TN

Several of our readers have written to us to tell us that they found out about BARBIE through a brother who reads comics, April! Thanks to all those brothers out there who were thinking of their sisters when they went to buy comics!

Dear BARBIE,

My name is Sarah. We just moved here to Pineville, Louisiana. We drove here. Driving from Fairbanks, Arkansas all the way to Pineville was fun. It was like one of your adventures!

I like the way all of you have smiles all the time.

Sarah Ayres, age 8  
Pineville, LA

Thinking of moving as an adventure is a very good way to look at it, Sarah! We hope you continue to have exciting and fun adventures in your new home!

Dear BARBIE,

My name is Kristi. I just started collecting your comics. I don't have all of them, yet.

Well, I would like to ask you a question. I want to know if BARBIE and BARBIE FASHION are the same. I am asking this because the BARBIE and BARBIE FASHION that I have seen are numbered in a pattern. I would really like it if you would answer my question. Thank you!

Kristi Leonard, age 8  
Newark, DE

Good question, Kristi! No, BARBIE and BARBIE FASHION are not the same. Each is a separate comic, numbered from #1 in order every month. They both started in the same month, though, and so they have that pattern you noticed — this month you are reading BARBIE #25, and you can also read BARBIE FASHION #25. Next month, you can read BARBIE #26 and BARBIE FASHION #26, which will have all your favorite characters in totally new adventures!

Dear BARBIE,

Hi! I am 11 years old and I love Barbies. I have 7 BARBIE comics. I love them so much. When I get one I read the whole thing right away. My friends don't like Barbie, so they think I am weird, but I don't care.

I love you very much. Well, bye for now and good luck!

Virginia Brecht, age 11  
Woodlawn Hills, CA

We can't think of a single reason not to like Barbie, Virginia, but everyone's taste is different. Even though your friends don't share your love of Barbie, you can read letters from lots of other people who do right here every month!

Dear BARBIE,

Hi! My name is Brandy. I am a real fan of yours. I have played with the dolls ever since I was a baby. Now I'm almost 12 years old. I don't really play with the dolls anymore, but I do read your comic every day, and I also play with paper Barbie dolls. The thing I love most about Barbie is the fashion. How do you make such magnificent fashions?

Brandy Pierce, age 11 1/2  
Indianapolis, IN

We have to thank our talented, creative artists for the wonderful fashion designs you see here every month, Brandy!

Dear BARBIE,

I read my second issue of BARBIE. I really like the drawings in the comic book. How long does it take to draw a BARBIE comic book?

Diane Chin, age 11  
Chicago, IL

The actual pencil drawing of a BARBIE comic book takes between 3 and 4 weeks, Diane. But the whole process to complete the comic book takes 4 or 5 months! First, the writer has to write the story. Once it's approved, the penciler goes to work, drawing 22 story pages.

Then the writer creates the dialogue that will go with the drawings. Then it's the letterer's job to carefully put these words onto the art page, draw balloons around the words, and add any sound effects that the writer has indicated.

Next, the inker goes over the penciler's work with black ink. And last, but not least, the colorist adds beautiful hues to the artwork. We look over the final product, correct any mistakes, and send it to the printer.

A few weeks later, the printer sends us the color proofs, and we check them over to make sure the printer hasn't made any mistakes — like printing Barbie's hair blue! Then, it is shipped to distribution points across the country, and finally, to your local retailer where you buy BARBIE and BARBIE FASHION! Whew! We got tired just reading that!!

Dear BARBIE,

I love your comics. I love Barbies! I'm a fan of yours. BARBIE comics are so neat. BARBIE comics are fun to read. BARBIE comics are the neatest comics I've ever read. Why do boys buy BARBIE comics? I thought only girls read BARBIE comics. Do boys like Barbies a lot? I like Barbies a lot.

Tera Pohl  
Sedalia, MO

Boys like to read BARBIE for all the same reasons you do, Tera — because BARBIE comics are "neat," and "fun to read!" And lots of different kinds of people like Barbies! Boys and girls, old and young, she's everyone's favorite doll!

Dear BARBIE,

Hi! My name is Renee. I love reading your comics. When I come home from school, I check the mail and if there is a BARBIE

comic, I read it while I'm walking down the driveway!

My best friend, Lindi, and I love to play Barbies. Well, it's been fun writing! Bye!

Renee Abell, age 9 1/2  
California, MD

Through the mail is a great way to get your BARBIE and BARBIE FASHION comics, Renee, but we hope you watch where you're going down that driveway!! If any other readers are wondering how to get their comics in the mail, check the back of this very comic! You'll find a subscription form to fill out and send in. Check with a parent or adult first!

Dear BARBIE,

How are you? I'm fine. I am 7 years old. I live in Trenton, New Jersey. I love BARBIE comics. I'm a big fan. I've loved Barbie since I was 3 years old. I have almost all of the Barbie clothes, dolls, and accessories. I love you. Is it true you have a lot of friends like Teresa, Midge, Ken, Skipper, Courtney and Christie?

Janine Fechter, age 7  
Trenton, NJ

Yes, it is true that Barbie has the friends you named, Janine! And you can read about their adventures with Barbie in these pages every month!

Dear BARBIE,

Hi! My name is Nancimarie. I am sick. Mom is going to play Barbie dolls with me today to make me happy. I have to go to the doctor's today.

Nancimarie D'Amore  
Staten Island, NY

We hope you're feeling better, Nancimarie!

Dear BARBIE,

I'm a big fan of yours. I'm in the 3rd grade, and I'm 9 years old. I have over 35 Barbies, and I always play with all of them. I love Barbies and BARBIE comics. I want you to keep writing the comics and making Barbies.

Shawna Goodman, age 9  
Porterville, CA

We'll keep making BARBIE comics as long as there are readers like you, Shawna!



#### BARBIE'S BIRTHDAY CORNER

Barbie wants to wish a very Happy Birthday to some special readers! On October 24th, Nicole Bragg, from Grafton, OH, turned 9! Michelle Munoz, who lives in Austin, TX, turned 8 on November 13th! And Louie Perkins, from Tulsa, OK, celebrated her 11th birthday on November 19th!

Happy birthday to these readers, and all of Barbie's friends who have recently celebrated a birthday! Enjoy!







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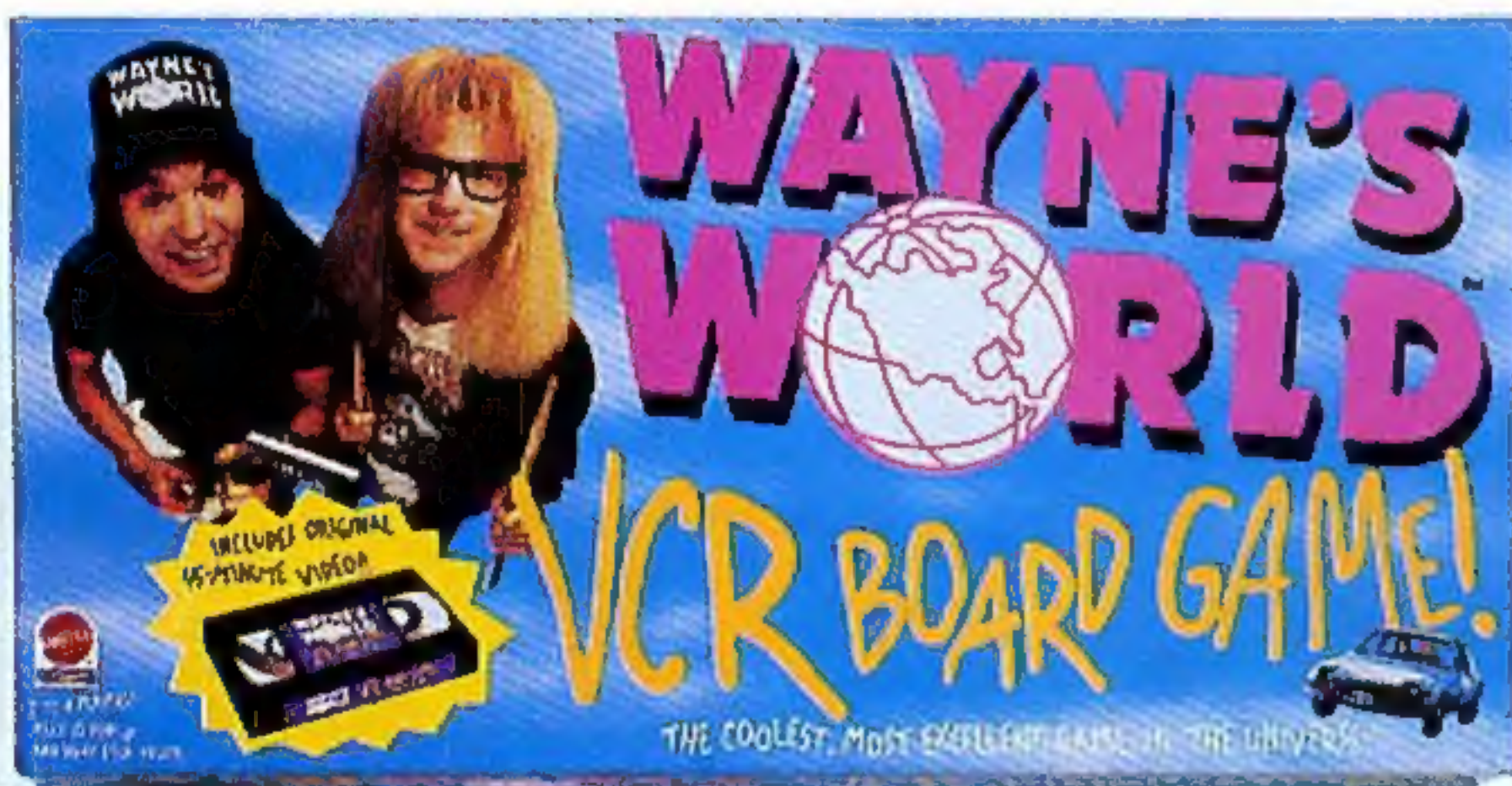
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